

KEYSTONE SCHOOL

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- Accelerated PK3-12 Independent School
- Total Enrollment: 480 (29 seniors)
- 100% attend 4-year colleges
- Founded in 1948
- CEEB Code: 446158
- Accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS) and a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- Recognized as The Most Challenging Private High School in the U.S. (2015) by the *Washington Post*

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PROFILE 2020-21

OVERVIEW

Keystone School has been a haven for bright, motivated students since 1948. The mission of Keystone School is to offer an accelerated PK3-12 curriculum to provide motivated students with a nationally recognized, well-rounded educational experience in a supportive, inclusive environment that encourages academic excellence, ethical growth, community involvement, and responsible leadership. Through a strong academic curriculum, the school challenges students to develop diligence, independence, self-discipline, responsibility, and inquisitiveness. The educational culture of Keystone encourages students to pursue independent thought and research in a balanced environment. Working collaboratively, students continue to demonstrate to each other the value of acquiring knowledge, developing strong study habits, and mastering research skills.

STUDENT BODY

- 133 students in grades 9-12
- Student body drawn from 50 different zip codes in the greater San Antonio area and surrounding counties.
- More than 60% students of color, with multiple ethnicities, cultures, and religions represented.
- 17% of students in grades K-12 receive tuition assistance.

UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY AND TEACHING

- Typical class size – 16 to 18 students.
- Classes known for depth, rigor, and engagement.
- Faculty committed to student life, both in and out of classroom.
- 16 faculty, 80% with masters or Ph.D.
- Average teaching experience – nearly 20 years

ADMISSIONS AND TUITION ASSISTANCE

- Selective, limited admissions process emphasizing motivation along with intellectual ability.
- Based on previous academic performance, standardized test scores, interviews, and recommendations from previous teachers.
- Admission offered to qualified students without regard to ethnic, racial, religious, or socioeconomic background.
- Tuition assistance offered to 100% of students with demonstrated financial need in grades K-12.

CULTURE, CONDUCT AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Keystone's culture promotes self-discipline, individual responsibility, civility, mutual respect, and personal honor. Upper School students have one or more unstructured free periods during the day, which they have the privilege of using as they wish. The open campus policy allows them to come and go from campus during that time in order to develop the individual responsibility for personal choices and discipline that life requires. On a typical day, groups of students can be found throughout campus during these free periods studying together, collaborating, conversing, working silently alongside one another or simply enjoying a meal off campus. Keystone students are expected to display exemplary conduct, cooperativeness, and the highest standard of academic integrity at all times.

Disciplinary Reporting Policy:

When colleges inquire about disciplinary infractions and violations of academic honesty, Keystone School will report such instances occurring in grades 9-12 that resulted in suspension or expulsion. In keeping with Keystone's commitment to ethical growth and responsible leadership, it is our expectation that students will report honestly when asked about their disciplinary history on applications.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn at least 21 credits, including:

- 4.0 English
- 4.0 Social Sciences
- 3.0 Math
- 3.0 Science
- 2.0 Foreign Language
- 1.0 Arts
- 1.0 Sports
- 0.5 Wellness

All courses are honors unless designated AP.

AP course load: Students are required to take 4 AP courses (2 English and 2 History). Starting with the Class of 2023, 5 AP courses will be required due to the addition of AP Statistics. The most challenging curriculum at Keystone will include 9 to 10 AP courses. Many courses that are not designated as AP are still considered among our most demanding.

GRADING SYSTEM AND CLASS RANKING

Keystone School does not rank its students. The GPA is computed as a numerical average (1-100) of all grades earned at Keystone, weighted by the number of AP courses completed beyond those required. When 5 APs are taken, 1% is added to overall GPA, + 0.5% for every additional AP thereafter. Transcripts reflect unweighted end of course grades.

GRADING SCALE		
97-100 A+	93-96 A	90-92 A-
87-89 B+	83-86 B	80-82 B-
77-79 C+	73-76 C	70-72 C-
67-69 D+	63-66 D	60-62 D-

UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH:

- English 9
- English 10: British Literature
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition

SOCIAL SCIENCE/HISTORY:

- World History
- AP European History
- AP United States History
- Political Science and Civics

MATHEMATICS:

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Precalculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics **limited availability for classes of 2021 and 2022*

SCIENCE:

- Biology I
- Chemistry I
- Physics I
- Advanced Mammalian Anatomy
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics C

FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

- French I - III
- AP French Language & Culture
- Spanish I - III
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture

FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES:

- Advanced Art
- 2-D Design
- 3-D Design
- Drawing
- Digital Media
- Creative Writing
- The Image*
- Film & Animation*
- Rock Lab*
- Rock Band*
- Macroeconomics*
- Microeconomics*
- Practical Ethics*
- Theater Appreciation*
- Film Acting/Film Studies*
- Modern Acting*
- Period Acting and Stagecraft*
- Dramatic Literature*
- Modern Global Issues: China*
- Modern Global Issues: Europe*
- International Relations*
- The Film and Literature of WWI*

9th CORE

- Wellness

- Courses in italics are not available every year.
- All courses taught at Keystone are academic, except sports, and are graded.
- The school year includes 2 semesters. The day is divided into seven 50-minute academic periods with classes meeting 5 times a week.
- Course load is capped at 6 per semester in 9th-11th. The senior year is limited to 5 courses, with rare exceptions.

AP PROGRAM

- More than a quarter of Keystone graduates are named National AP scholars each year. To earn this prestigious award, a student must earn a score of 4 or higher on 8 or more AP exams.
- Students often sit for the U.S. Government, World History, and Economics AP exams even though the AP course option is not offered. Exam scores for these tests typically range between 3s and 5s.

2020 AP EXAMINATION RESULTS

Total Exams	214
# of Students Taking Exams	86
# of AP Scholars	49
Scores of 3 or above	86%

National AP Scholar: 4
AP Scholar with Distinction: 29
AP Scholar with Honor: 9

STANDARDIZED TESTING & GPA

SAT			
CLASS	2020	2019	2018
MEAN COMPOSITE	1404	1400	1422
MID 50%	1320-1490	1320-1490	1360-1490
MEAN EBRW	713	713	716
MEAN MATH	692	688	706

ACT				
CLASS	2020	2019	2018	2017
MEAN COMPOSITE	32	32	31	30
MID 50%	30-34	29-34	28-33	27-31

SAT SUBJECT TESTS - MEAN				
SECTION	2020	2019	2018	2017
BIOLOGY (M)	670	715	673	690
ENGLISH LITERATURE	680	703	618	697
MATH II	703	702	693	698
U.S. HISTORY	716	705	700	692
CHEMISTRY	705	703	695	727

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM				
CLASS	2021	2020	2019	2018
# OF STUDENTS	29	27	37	32
SEMIFINALISTS	2	1	7	5
COMMENDED	5	9	9	1
% RECOGNIZED	24%	37%	43%	19%
NAT'L HISPANIC SCHOLARS	4	3	5	6
NAT'L AFRICAN AMERICAN RECOGNITION SCHOLARS	1	n/a	n/a	n/a

MEAN GPA THROUGH END OF JUNIOR YEAR				
CLASS	2021	2020	2019	2018
MEAN GPA	92.5	93.5	92.5	90.6

UPPER SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Co-curricular opportunities include Student Council, National Honor Society, Foreign Language Club, Literary Magazine, Yearbook, Model UN, Academic WorldQuest, Science Bowl, and Quiz Bowl.
- The entire Upper School participates in annual Service Day, going out into the community to serve and learn about significant societal challenges at various organizations.
- As part of Wellness, 9th graders engage in ongoing volunteer work. A commitment to community volunteering is encouraged through various student-run clubs and organizations.
- In 2016, a Keystone team won 1st place at the National Academic WorldQuest Competition. Keystone teams placed 2nd in the world in Academic WorldQuest competitions in 2015, 2014 and 2012. Keystone teams have won the regional competition 10 years in a row.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

- Students participate in outdoor education trips from 5th grade through 12th grade. Upper School trips include Olympic National Park, Yosemite National Park, the Washington, D.C area and Florida Wetlands.

SCIENCE AND MATH

- For nearly 30 years, at least one Keystone student has earned an invitation to compete at Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.
- Between 1-4 students will compete at Intel ISEF each year and have frequently won Grand Prizes. Since 1965, more than 160 students from Keystone School have participated in this prestigious event.
- In a typical year, about 30 students will prepare for and take the AMC 10/12 tests, with some scoring in the top 1-3% nationally and going on to take the AIME exam.

THE ARTS

- The Upper School Theatre program puts on two major productions each year, ranging from Shakespeare to Sondheim.
- "Stone Soul," an open performance evening that occurs four times a year and is entirely student run, is a time for students to share special talents and raise funds for the Literary Magazine.
- Each year, the Creative Writing and Acting classes collaborate to write, produce and perform 4 original plays in a single day, in what has become known as the "Play in a Day."
- Keystone's 2014 LitMag won 1st Place in the American Press Association's annual magazine competition, an Excellent rating by the National Council of Teachers of English, and a silver medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA). In 2015-2016, LitMag received a gold medal from the CSPA.
- In 2017-18, LitMag earned an NCTE Excellent rating.
- Keystone students routinely compete in writing competitions and have their work published in a variety of publications, including Young Pegasus, GREYstone and Cicada.
- In 2015, two Keystone students received the prestigious Gold Medal in the national Scholastic Writing Awards Program. In 2019, 3 Keystone students received a national Silver Medal.

ATHLETICS

- Sports offered are (boys) soccer,* baseball, basketball, and tennis; (girls) volleyball, basketball, softball, and tennis. *Soccer try-outs are open to both boys and girls.
- In 2019-20, 25 athletes were named to TAPPS 3A All District teams, 10 athletes were named Academic All-State, and 6 athletes were named All-State Players.

COVID-19 UPDATE : SPRING 2020

- Upper School classes continued online, each class consisting of synchronous and asynchronous learning.
- Our commitment to a rigorous curriculum remained unchanged.
- The weight of 4th Quarter grades was changed. 3Q counted for 2/3 of the semester grade; 4Q counted for 1/3 of the semester grade.
- Extracurricular activities were significantly disrupted.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Between 2015-20, Keystone graduates matriculated to the following colleges and universities. Schools in bold indicate at least one member of the Class of 2020 is attending. Numbers in parentheses designate the total number of graduates, if more than one, who matriculated to the college or university during those years.

American University (2)
 Amherst College
 Austin College
 Barnard College
 Bennington College
 Boston University (2)
 Brandeis University
 Brigham Young University
 Bryn Mawr College
 Carleton College
 Claremont McKenna College (2)
 Clarkson University
Columbia University
 Cornell University
 Davidson College
 De Anza College
 Earlham College
 Eckerd College
 Elon University
 Emerson College
 Emory University (2)
 Franklin University Switzerland
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
 Furman University
 George Washington University (2)
 Georgetown University (3)
 Georgia Institute of Technology (2)
 Hamilton College
 Harvard College
Haverford College
Indiana University-Bloomington
 Ithaca College
 Johns Hopkins University (2)
 Knox College

Lewis & Clark College (2)
 Macalester College
 Mills College
 Montana State University
 Mount Holyoke College
 New York University (4)
Northeastern University (4)
Northwestern University (2)
 Occidental College (2)
 Pomona College
 Pratt Institute
 Reed College
 Rice University (5)
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 Rutgers University-New Brunswick
 Saint Louis University
 Sarah Lawrence College
 Seattle University
 Smith College
Southern Methodist University (8)
Stanford University (3)
 Syracuse University
 Texas A&M University-College Station (5)
 Texas A&M University-Galveston
 Texas Christian University (2)
 Texas State University (2)

The University of Alabama
The University of Edinburgh (2)
The University of Texas at Austin (26)
The University of Texas at Dallas (10)
 The University of Texas at San Antonio (4)
Trinity College Dublin
Trinity University (11)
Tufts University (2)
Tulane University (2)
 United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy at West Point (2)
 University of California-Berkeley
 University of California-Los Angeles (3)
 University of Chicago
 University of Colorado Boulder (2)
 University of Florida
 University of Houston (2)
 University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (3)
 University of North Texas
 University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania (2)
 University of Southern California (2)
 University of Toronto (2)
 University of Virginia
 Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University (3)
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Wagner College
 Washington University in St Louis (3)
 Wesleyan University
 Yale University

