

KEYSTONE SCHOOL

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- Accelerated PK3-12 Independent School
- Total Enrollment: 508 (32 seniors)
- 100% attend 4-year colleges
- Founded in 1948
- CEEB Code: 44615
- 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 2021-22

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

- 126 students in grades 9-12
- Student body drawn from more than 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.
- 10% of students in grades K-12 receive tuition assistance.

UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY AND TEACHING

- Average class size – 13 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, or working silently alongside one another. At other times, they leave to enjoy a meal off campus or work on other academic or community-oriented activities. 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	2.0 Foreign Language
4.0 Social Sciences	1.0 Fine Arts
3.0 Math	1.0 Sports
3.0 Science	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. Twelve hours of community service are required.

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
(limited availability due to COVID)
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:

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

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 45- 50-minute academic periods with classes meeting 5 times a week.
- Course load is capped at 6 per semester in 9th-12th. We strongly recommend students take 5 courses in 11th and 12th grades due to the rigor of our program.

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.

2021 AP EXAMINATION RESULTS

Total Exams	238
# of Students Taking Exams	88
# of AP Scholars	49
Scores of 3 or above	78%

National AP Scholar: 9
AP Scholar with Distinction: 29
AP Scholar with Honor: 11

STANDARDIZED TESTING & GPA

SAT				
CLASS	2021	2020	2019	2018
MEAN COMPOSITE	1383	1404	1400	1422
MID 50%	1280-1480	1320-1490	1320-1490	1360-1490
MEAN EBRW	702	713	713	716
MEAN MATH	681	692	688	706

ACT				
CLASS	2021	2020	2019	2018
MEAN COMPOSITE	32	32	32	31
MID 50%	28-34	30-34	29-34	28-33

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM				
CLASS	2022	2021	2020	2019
# OF STUDENTS	32	29	27	37
SEMIFINALISTS	3	2	1	7
COMMENDED	10	5	9	9
% RECOGNIZED	41%	24%	37%	43%
NAT'L HISPANIC RECOGNITION SCHOLARS	15	4	3	5
NAT'L AFRICAN AMERICAN RECOGNITION SCHOLARS	4	1	n/a	n/a

MEAN GPA THROUGH END OF JUNIOR YEAR				
CLASS	2022	2021	2020	2019
MEAN GPA	93.05	92.5	93.5	92.5

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.
- In 2021, a Keystone senior was named a U.S. Presidential Scholar.
- 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 more than 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 each year 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.
- Keystone received the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award in 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- Students can prepare for and take the AMC 10/12 tests every year.

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, three 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 2020-21, 27 athletes were named to TAPPS 3A All District teams, 18 athletes were named Academic All-State, and 4 athletes were named All-State Players.

COVID-19 UPDATE : 2020-2021

- Upper School classes continued in concurrent mode with students attending in person and remotely.
- Our commitment to a rigorous curriculum remained unchanged.
- The weight of 2020 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 2016-21, Keystone graduates matriculated to the following colleges and universities. Schools in bold indicate at least one member of the Class of 2021 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)	Mills College	Tulane University (2)
Amherst College	Montana State University	United States Air Force Academy
Austin College	Mount Holyoke College	United States Military Academy (2)
Barnard College	New York University (4)	University of Alabama
Bates College	Northeastern University (4)	University of California-Berkeley (2)
Bennington College	Northwestern University (2)	University of California-Los Angeles (3)
Boston University (2)	Occidental College (2)	University of Chicago (2)
Brandeis University	Pomona College	University of Colorado Boulder (2)
Bryn Mawr College	Pratt Institute	University of Edinburgh (2)
Carnegie Mellon University	Rice University (4)	University of Florida
Case Western Reserve University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Houston
Claremont McKenna College (2)	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Kansas
Clarkson University	Saint Louis University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Columbia College Chicago	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Columbia University	Seattle University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (3)
Cornell University	Smith College	University of North Texas
Davidson College	Southern Methodist University (8)	University of Notre Dame (2)
Elon University	Southwestern University	University of Pennsylvania (3)
Emerson College	Stanford University (3)	University of Southern California
Emory University	Syracuse University	University of Texas at Austin (27)
Franklin W Olin College of Engineering	Texas A&M University-College Station (7)	University of Texas at Dallas (9)
Furman University (2)	Texas A&M University-Galveston	University of Texas at San Antonio (3)
George Washington University (2)	Texas Christian University (2)	University of Toronto
Georgetown University (3)	Texas State University	University of Virginia-Main Campus
Georgia Institute of Technology	Trinity College Dublin	Ursinus College
Hamilton College	Trinity University (11)	Vanderbilt University (2)
Harvard University	Tufts University (2)	Wagner College
Haverford College		Washington University in St Louis (2)
Indiana University-Bloomington		Yale University
Ithaca College		
Johns Hopkins University (2)		
Knox College		
Lewis & Clark College		
Macalester College		

