

KEYSTONE SCHOOL

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- Accelerated K-12 School
- Enrollment: 430
- Independent
- College Board Code: 446158
- Accreditation: Independent Schools Association of the Southwest
- School Year: Two Semesters

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PROFILE 2010-2011

OVERVIEW

Keystone School has been a haven for bright, motivated students since 1948. The mission of Keystone School is to offer an accelerated K-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.

KEYSTONE'S UPPER SCHOOL AND FACULTY

Keystone students are selected for their ability and motivation. Keystone's Upper School has 130 students in grades nine through twelve, with a 2011 graduating class of 29. In 2010, 100% of the graduates were admitted to four-year colleges and were offered over \$4.1 million in merit scholarships. The faculty members have an average of 16 years teaching experience. They are known for their strong commitment to students and regularly participate with students in after-school academic and co-curricular activities.

COMMUNITY AND DIVERSITY

Keystone draws its student body from throughout the greater San Antonio area which has a population of 1.3 million. Our student body is both ethnically and socioeconomically diverse, with over 50% non-Anglo representation. Keystone is located in an urban area just north of San Antonio's Downtown Business District. The school serves as the southern boundary of Monte Vista, a historically recognized residential area, and many of the school's buildings are former residences, adapted for their current use.

ADMISSIONS

Admission to Keystone is selective and limited. Requirements for admission include the submission of school records, standardized test scores, ISEE scores for applicants to grades five through twelve, and recommendations from previous teachers. For over half a century, Keystone has emphasized motivation along with intellectual ability in admitting students. Offering admission to qualified students without regard to ethnic, racial, or religious backgrounds, Keystone's highly diverse community includes 18% of eligible students receiving financial aid.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must take at least 21 academic courses, including:

- 4.0 Credits of English
- 4.0 Credits of Social Sciences
- 3.0 Credits of Math
- 3.0 Credits of Science
- 2.0 Credits of a Foreign Language
- 1.0 Credit of Fine Arts and Humanities
- 1-1.5 Credits of Physical Education / Sports
- 0.5 Credit of Health and Physiology (This credit will be replaced by Self and Community Topics for the Class of 2013)

*All courses are honors unless designated AP. Students will have completed at least four Advanced Placement courses before graduation.

*All students are required to complete a minimum of 12 hours of community service before graduation.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

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| <p>English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 9 • British Literature • English Language AP • English Literature AP <p>Social Sciences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient and Medieval History • Modern European History AP • United States History AP • Government and Politics <p>Mathematics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II • Precalculus • Calculus BC AP • Statistics | <p>Science:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology I • Chemistry I • Physics: Electricity and Magnetism • Physics: Classical Mechanics • Environmental Science AP • Biology II AP • Chemistry II AP • Health and Physiology • Advanced Mammalian Dissection <p>Foreign Languages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French I - III • French Language AP • Spanish I - III • Spanish Language AP • Spanish Literature AP | <p>Fine Arts and Humanities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studio Art I-III • Period Acting and Stagecraft • Film Acting • Modern Acting • Dramatic Literature • Global Issues and Public Speaking • Philosophy • Psychology • Creative Writing • Advanced Creative Writing • Photojournalism I-II • Digital Imaging • Photography • Art 9 • Computer Design 9 <p>9th Core:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self and Community Topics |
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- All courses taught at Keystone are academic, except P.E., and are graded.
- Mini-courses to national parks last 4-5 days and require extensive hiking. Though students earn no credit, they receive a grade based upon mastery of ecological and geological information about the parks and participation in activities.
- The school year includes two semesters. The day is divided into seven 50-minute academic periods with classes meeting five times a week.
- **Maximum classes per semester: Six**

GRADING SYSTEM AND CLASS RANKING

Keystone School identifies the #1 and #2 students, but does not otherwise rank seniors. The GPA is computed as a numerical average (1-100) of all high school grades weighted by the number of AP courses completed beyond those required and by the total number of courses taken at Keystone. Transcripts reflect end of course grades.

GRADING SCALE

97-100 A+	94-96 A	90-93 A-
87-89 B+	84-86 B	80-83 B-
77-79 C+	74-76 C	70-73 C-
67-69 D+	64-66 D	60-63 D-

GRADE DISTRIBUTION CHART CLASS OF 2011 JUNIOR YEAR CORE COURSES

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-
English AP	1	5	6	7	4	5						
History AP		1	9	4	4	5	5					
Science (Physics, Environmental Science AP, Chemistry II AP, and Biology II AP)	4	5	7	2	4	4	1	4			1	1
Math (Precalculus, Statistics, Calculus AP BC, and Algebra II)	6	3	3	4	2	1	4	1		1	2	2
Foreign Language	3	3	6	5		1	1					

STANDARDIZED TESTING PROFILE

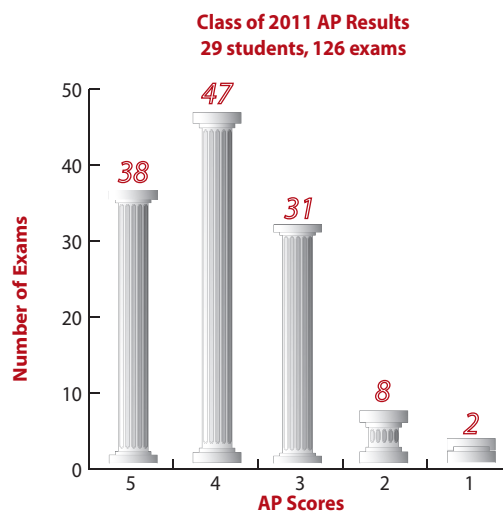
MEAN SAT AND GPA				
CLASS	VERBAL	MATH	WRITING	GPA
2010	696	669	703	93.4
2009	666	635	666	92.6
2008	691	701	691	95.4

MEAN ACT						
CLASS	ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE	WRITING	COMPOSITE
2010	31	29	33	30	29	31
2009	29	27	30	26	27	28
2008	31	31	32	30	30	31

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM				
Class	2010	2009	2008	
# of Students	28	27	23	
Finalists	8	2	4	
Semi-Finalists	8	3	5	
Commended	7	6	5	

The Class of 2010 included six National Hispanic Scholars and one National Achievement Outstanding Participant. The Class of 2009 included six National Hispanic Scholars and one National Hispanic Honorable Mention. The Class of 2008 included four National Hispanic Scholars and one National Achievement Finalist.

- Keystone was recognized for AP Excellence by the College Board's 2006 Report to the Nation and 2007 Report to the Nation in the subjects of AP Biology, AP Calculus BC, AP English Language and Composition, AP European History and AP US History.
- During the last 15 years between 55% and 80% of the Advanced Placement exam scores have been 5s and 4s. In May 2010, 99% of students in grades 10-12 took AP exams and 91% of all the scores were 3 or above. The average graduate typically earns from 12 to 30 hours of college credit through the AP program.
- Students often sit for the U.S. Government, Physics, Statistics and Psychology AP exams even though the AP course option is not offered. Exam scores for these tests typically range between 3s and 5s.



KEYSTONE HIGHLIGHTS

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- High school students have a number of co-curricular clubs available including Student Council, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, French Club, Theatre and Film Club, Student Newspaper, Yearbook, and Literary Magazine.
- “Stone Soul,” an open performance evening that occurs four times a year and is entirely student run, was created by a group in the Class of 2007. This event has now become a Keystone tradition and is a time for students to share special talents and also serves as a fund-raiser for the Literary Magazine.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

- Students participate in outdoor education trips from 5th grade through 10th grade. Some of the trips require camping and hiking. The trips include T Bar M Spelunking, Coastal Bend Science Trip, Texas Renaissance Festival, Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite National Park, and Olympic National Park.

SCIENCE FAIR

- For 21 of the last 22 years, at least one Keystone student has earned the right to compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.
- Keystone students received six of the Senior Division Grand Prizes with three team and three individual projects at the 2010 Regional Science Fair. Overall, Keystone students also claimed over 25 special awards and thousands of dollars in college scholarship offers to various Texas Universities.
- Four Keystone students took two team projects to the 2010 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. One group won a team award in chemistry.
- In the recent past, Keystone science fair students have attended summer science expos in Tunisia, Peru, South Africa, Chile, and Mexico.
- Keystone has had more participants in the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge than any other school in the country. In 2005, a Keystone student was named “America’s Top Young Scientist” after winning the Young Scientist Challenge.

THEATRE

- In 2009-2010, the Keystone theatre program put on 8 major productions, ranging from musicals to one-act plays to Shakespearean tragedy.
- During the fall of 2008, Keystone put on a school-wide musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, with over 80 cast and crew members from 2nd through 12th grade.

ATHLETICS

- Sports currently offered are (boys) soccer, basketball, golf, and tennis; (girls) volleyball, basketball, softball, golf, and tennis.
- In 2009-2010, 25 athletes were named to TAPPS 3A All-District teams and 3 athletes were named to TAPPS 3A All-State teams.
- Keystone’s Upper School Athletic Program was named in the Top Ten Standings of the San Antonio Express-News Dan Cook Cup Awards for the 2009-2010 season.
- In 2009-2010, the Men’s and Women’s Golf Teams were in the top 5 in the TAPPS 3A State Tournament.
- In 2008-2009, the Men’s Soccer Team placed second in the TAPPS 3A State Tournament.
- In 2007-2008, the Keystone Softball Team advanced to the TAPPS 3A State Semi-finals.

In the past, students have chosen to attend these schools.

2010 (28 Grads)

Carnegie Mellon University	New York University	University of Southern California
College of Santa Fe	Oberlin College	University of Texas, Austin
Davidson College	Saint Louis University	University of Texas, San Antonio
Elon University	Southern Methodist University	University of the Incarnate Word
Emerson College	Stanford University	Vanderbilt University
Harvard University	Trinity University	Washington University in St. Louis
Harvey Mudd College (2)	Tufts University	Wesleyan University (2)
Kansas State University	University of Houston	Wheaton College
King's College London	University of Richmond	

2009 (27 Grads)

Austin College	Portland State University	Trinity University (2)
Baylor University	Princeton University	University of Dallas
Dartmouth College	Rice University (2)	University of Pennsylvania
Emory University	St. Edward's University	University of Southern California (2)
Gap Year: Hands and Feet Ministries	St. Mary's University of San Antonio	Vanderbilt University
Hendrix College	Texas A&M University (2)	Washington University in St. Louis
Kansas State University	Texas A&M University, Galveston	Yale University
Northwestern University	Texas Christian University	

2008 (23 Grads)

American University	Emory University	University of North Carolina
Barnard College	Harvard University (3)	University of Texas, Austin (3)
Baylor University	King's College London	Wellesley College
Bucknell University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	
Claremont McKenna College	Stanford University	
Columbia University	State University of New York Purchase	
Cornell University	Texas A&M University	
Emerson College	Tufts University	

Numbers in () are for multiple students attending the school.