

# Rancho High School ~

is an indirect teaching program designed for students who prefer to work independently online. Rancho students typically enjoy working in a smaller classroom environment. Students who choose Rancho High School need to be motivated independent learners who attend school every day. The Rancho program can work well for students who may have fallen behind in credits. Students are able to earn the Rancho High School diploma after successfully completing 200 credits of required coursework, and passing other required proficiencies.



With the exception of PE, most courses utilize an on-line curriculum. There is limited group discussion and instruction. The coursework is not UC/CSU approved for eligibility to a 4-year university upon high school graduation. However, students completing the Rancho High School diploma are eligible to matriculate to community college.

The classroom is open from 8-12, and 1-3. All students must report for a weekly hour-long appointment to review coursework, assessments and progress toward completion. Students must successfully complete at least one course every 3 weeks to earn 5 credits. Students will enroll in a minimum of six 3-week sessions each semester. Students who do not work at this pace will be transferred to the comprehensive high school program where they will have direct instruction and additional school-wide support. No partial credit is granted.



Parent participation is essential. Parents will be expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings and to assist the school to monitor the progress their student is making in the Program.

If a Rancho student chooses to return to Arcadia High School mid-year, the student must transfer no later than the first day of the 2nd semester of their senior year.

**ENROLLMENT:** No student under 18 years of age will be enrolled without a parent or guardian present. A transcript of all high school courses taken is required at the time of enrollment. Students outside the district are welcome to apply for a permit after being released from their home district of residence.

**AHS NON-Grads:** Arcadia High School students who end their senior year short credits for graduation are allowed to complete not more than 15 credits at Rancho High School. To remain enrolled, these students must make the same adequate progress requirements as other Rancho students.

## Home Schooling/Independent Study Grades 1-8

This program is provided by a credentialed classroom teacher who works closely with parents to utilize Board-approved curriculum, implement appropriate instructional strategies, and work with standards-based instructional materials. Weekly lesson plans are provided with assignments, activities and assessments, which are completed by students with the guidance and support of their parents.



Students meet weekly with the teacher to review their work, demonstrate their progress, and participate in small group lessons in core subjects, including Science and History/Social Science.

The Grade 1-8 Home Schooling/Independent Study program may work well for:

- students who need a different pacing than offered in the comprehensive classroom setting.
- families who travel frequently or for whom personal circumstances make regular attendance difficult.

Parents must participate with the teacher and student in designing and implementing an educational plan and provide transportation to and from meetings.

The teacher will maintain records and issue individualized progress reports/report cards quarterly.

# Additional Support

Students at Rancho Learning Center (RLC) who have active IEPs and/or 504 plans are able to participate in most of the RLC programs. As with all educational programs in our district, students will be assigned a Case Carrier if appropriate, and services will be delivered per the IEP and/or 504 plan.



The English Language Development (ELD) Program at RLC offers special instruction for English language learners. Teachers with appropriate state authorizations will use various second language acquisition strategies to develop English vocabulary and comprehension skills. All instruction is conducted in English with the goal of developing students' skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing so that students can access academic content areas. In addition to providing English language learners with developmentally appropriate language skills, Rancho Learning Center seeks to instill a positive self-concept, mutual understanding and respect for others' cultural traditions and values, and to demonstrate positive conduct and citizenship.



Rancho Learning Center offers on site Physical Education instruction. High School students enroll in PE for course credit for graduation. Elementary and Middle school students take PE as part of their regular course curriculum.

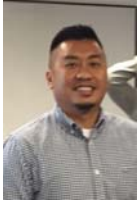


A part-time Counselor is available at Rancho 5 days a week. A school Psychologist is available one day a week. In addition, students have access to online Career and College planning services through Family Connection/Naviance. Students who need additional counseling services can be referred for services through district contracted services.



## Opportunity Program

Students assigned to the Opportunity program are working to correct an issue that may have interfered with school success. The classroom serves grades 7-12, Monday-Friday, 8:15-1:00 PM.



Instruction is personalized to meet the needs of each student. Coursework taken through the Opportunity Program meets high school graduation and community college eligibility requirements, but is not UC/CSU approved.

Students in the Opportunity program who have active IEPs will have extended hours to meet their individual goals.

## In addition:

Our Percussion Coach who teaches students how to read music and play various percussion instruments. Our students involved in the Drumline perform at District events.



Our Art Coach visits the classrooms to infuse the world of art into the lives our students.

We have a regularly scheduled reading group which meets to discuss current books and their application to our daily lives.



Rancho has a guest speaker program. Speakers from local business/agencies are invited to share with our students about the opportunities in their work, and to learn about important initiatives in our local and larger communities.

This year, we now have an outdoor classroom/garden space. In addition, the outdoor classroom space features a multi-use sport court for basketball, pickle ball and other net sports. This new

space expands the usable space for all of our students and programs. A fitness center is also available for student use during regular classroom hours.

Students are encouraged to volunteer and/or intern at a local business/organization for 10 hours a week. Our staff can assist students in securing these internships.

## Credit Recovery



Your teacher or school counselor may have advised you to enroll in Online Credit Recovery in order to fulfill requirements to earn the Rancho High or Arcadia High School diploma. Make-up classes are available for students who are short credits and/or short subject requirements for high school graduation.

Our Credit Recovery online coursework is not UC/CSU eligible.

## Home Hospital

Students temporarily disabled by accident or by physical, mental, or emotional illness may receive individual instruction at home or in a hospital. Information regarding Home Hospital is available from the office of Mrs. Katherine Mahoney, Director of Special Education.



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