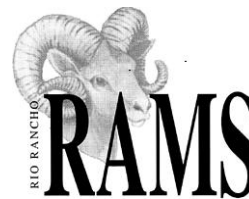


# SCHOOL PROFILE 2009-2010

## RIO RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL

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## THE COMMUNITY

Rio Rancho, New Mexico is adjacent to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Rio Rancho has been called an "All American City". In just 10 years the population has doubled to approximately 71,607 to make it the fourth largest city in New Mexico and one of the fastest growing communities in the state and the nation. Rio Rancho has a culturally and economically diverse population.

## THE SCHOOL

Rio Rancho High School was built with funding from Intel, Corp. It opened its doors in 1997 with accolades from *Time* magazine as one of the ten most innovative schools in the nation for the development of career academies, block scheduling, integration of technology into every curriculum, innovative teaching strategies, and the highest graduation requirements of any public high school in the state. In response to changing times and to maintain the robust curriculum RRHS is noted for, RRHS introduced a seven period day during the 2008-2009 school year. Rio Rancho Public Schools is viewed as a cutting edge school.

**Accreditation** - North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and New Mexico Public Education Depart.

**Career Academies** – Each student selects a career academy related to career interest. Career academies are designed to provide students with a career focus and assistance in selecting elective courses but are not restrictive in regards to elective course selections.

**Enrollment 2009-10** – 2950 (grades 9 – 12)

**Ethnic Distribution of School Population-** 2009 51% Caucasian, 38.5% Hispanic, 4% Native American, 4% African-American, and 2.5% Asian.

**US Presidential Scholar** – 1 Class of 2009

**National Merit Scholar Finalists** - 2 Class of 2010

**National Hispanic Scholars** - 4 Class of 2010

## CLASS OF 2009

Post Secondary Plans (Class size -888)

4 year college/university – 55%

2 year degree – 36%

Military service – 5%

## TESTING

Average ACT composite score Class of 2009 – 21 (above national and state average)

2009 - RRHS received ACT College Readiness Recognition for having significant increase in the number of students taking the Act and significant increase in the student's level of achievement for college readiness over the past 5 years.

## DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSTRUCTION

**AP course offerings (11)** US History, AP Literature, AP English Language, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Calculus, AP Macroeconomics, AP Psychology, AP Government, AP Music Theory

**Pre AP/ Enriched course offerings (13)** – Pre AP Algebra, Pre AP Integrated Science, Pre AP Geometry, Pre AP Biology, Pre AP Chemistry, Pre AP Physics, Pre AP Trigonometry, Pre AP Physics, Pre AP Geometry, Pre AP Algebra II, Pre AP Math Analysis, Pre AP Pre-Calculus,

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - CLASS OF 2010

RRHS requires more courses (28 credits) to graduate than any public high school in the state. They include:

4 English - English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12

3.5 Social Studies - World History, US History, Economics.5, Government .5, New Mexico History .5  
.5 Geography beginning with the Class of 2012

4 Mathematics -including Algebra I(state requirement is 3 mathematics)

4 Science – must include credit in 2 of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Chemistry in the Community, or Physics (state requires 2 science credits including 1 lab science)

1 Communications Skills

1 Physical Education

.5 Fine Arts (not a state requirement)

.5Technology (not a state requirement)

9 Electives

Students must also earn 1 credit in an AP or Dual credit or Distance learning course (not a state requirement).

Students must pass all sections of the New Mexico Competency Examination to receive a high school diploma.

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND CLASS RANK

Each student's class rank is determined by his/her weighted cumulative grade point average. The grade point scale for computing rank in class is as follows.

Regular: course grades:		AP Grades:	Enriched Grades:
A	100-90% = 4	A = 5	A = 4.5
B	89-80% = 3	B = 4	B = 3.5
C	79-70% = 2	C = 3	C = 2.5
D	69-60% = 1	D = 2	D = 1.5
F	Below 59% = 0		

## WEIGHTED GRADES

Weighted enriched classes are noted with an E and AP courses and an H in front of the course title on the transcript. The grades on the transcript are the actual grades received and do not reflect any weighting. AP and Enriched grades are weighted to compute cumulative GPA. Class ranking is calculated with a weighted GPA.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

**Athletic Programs** – 20 programs

Cross Country Boys/Girls, Football, Soccer Boys/Girls, Girls Volleyball, Cheer, Basketball Boys/Girls, Swimming Boys/Girls, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Golf Boys/Girls, Tennis Boys/Girls, Track Boys/Girls

**Clubs/Activities** – 26 organizations

Associated Students (student government), Business Professionals of America, Key Club, La Familia, National Honor Society, Rhythmettes Drill Team, Science Olympiad, Academic Decathlon, Bag Pipe Club, Chess Club, DECA, FCCLA, Mock Trial, National Art Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Photography Club, Wonders of Women, Dance Dance Revolution, Hip Hop, Native American Student Union, Gay Straight Alliance, TUPAC peer mentors, Ceramics Club, Sci-Fi Club, Astronomy Club, National French Honor Society, German Club, Black Student Union