

Rancho High School ~

is an independent study program designed for students who may have fallen behind in credits, and/or students who prefer to work independently, at their own pace. Rancho students typically enjoy working in a smaller classroom environment. To be successful, Rancho students need to be motivated independent learners. Students will earn the Rancho High School diploma after successfully completing 200 credits of required coursework, and passing other required proficiencies and exams.



With the exception of PE, 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.

School operates 5 days a week. 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. Rancho High School students must complete all credits within 18 months of their senior year completion date.

Parent participation is essential. Parents are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings to monitor and support the progress of their student.

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.

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 meet 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 California academic 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 home school 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 more individual attention and a different pacing than offered in the classroom setting.
- families who travel frequently or for whom personal circumstances make regular attendance difficult.

Students must complete all weekly assignments to the best of their ability and submit completed work for evaluation. Parents must participate with the teacher and student in designing and implement-

ing an educational plan and provide transportation to and from meetings.

The teacher works with the parent and student to provide appropriate assignments and materials to meet the educational objectives according to the District curriculum. The teacher will maintain records and will issue progress reports and 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.

A part-time Counselor is available at Rancho 5 days a week. In addition, students have access to online Career and College planning services



through Family Connection/Naviance. Students in need can be referred for additional district-contracted services.

Opportunity Program

Students assigned to this program are working to correct an issue that may have interfered with school success. It is an intensive modified-day program. The self-contained classroom serves grades 7-12, Monday-Friday, 8:15-1:00 PM.



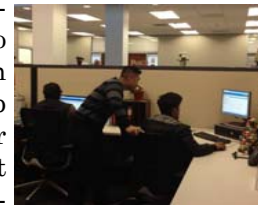
Student instruction is individualized to meet the unique needs of each student. Coursework taken through the Opportunity Program meets high school graduation and community college eligibility requirements, but is not college recommending for University (4-year college) application.



Opportunity class includes both regular and Special Education teachers. Students with active IEPs will have extended hour options.

Credit Recovery

The School Counselor may advise students 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 Gradpoint online curriculum is used for AHS Credit Recovery coursework. Gradpoint coursework is not UC/CSU eligible. These courses currently meet high school graduation and community college eligibility requirements only.

Online Credit Recovery coursework is in addition to and beyond the scope of the regular school day. All students enrolled in credit recovery are expected to be enrolled full time at Arcadia High School or Rancho Learning Center.

Home Hospital

Students temporarily disabled by accident or by physical, mental, or emotional illness may receive individual instruction at home or in a hospital or residential health facility within the District. When possible, the home teacher shall consult with the student's current classroom teacher or teachers in order to provide a continuity of instruction that enables the student to keep up with the regular school program. Information regarding Home Hospital is available from the office of Mrs. Katherine Mahoney, Director of Special Education.



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