



**VISION:** To inspire students to create a better world.  
**MISSION:** To guide students to think critically, act responsibly, lead compassionately, and innovate wisely.

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## DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

### SCHOOL

- Independent co-ed, nonsectarian day school
- Grades: 5-12
- Founded: 2002 with 16 students
- Enrollment 2019-2020: 487
- Financial Aid: 8% of student body

### ACCREDITATION

- NWAIS: Northwest Association of Independent Schools
- NAIS: National Association of Independent Schools

### FACULTY AND STAFF

- Employees 2019-2020: 103
- Faculty with advanced degrees: 71%
- Student-to-teacher ratio: 8:1
- Average class size: 15
- Maximum class size: 18  
 -Excluding Instrumental Music Ensemble, Chamber Music Ensemble, Choir, and Chamber Choir

### UPPER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

| Class Of   | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Total |
|------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Enrollment | 58   | 73   | 79   | 82   | 292   |

### COURSE WORK AND CREDITS

- A Trimester term is 11-12 weeks
- Each Trimester course is worth 1 credit
- Year-long courses are worth 3 credits
- Students must enroll in a minimum of 6 classes and a maximum of 7 classes per trimester.
- There are no special designations such as Honors, AP, or IB.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

| Arts               | 5 Trimesters   | Math           | 9 Trimesters |
|--------------------|--|----------------|--------------|
| English            | 12 Trimesters  | World Language | 9 Trimesters |
| History            | 9 Trimesters   | Science        | 9 Trimesters |
| Physical Education | 5 Trimesters<br>(may include interscholastic sports) |                |              |

## STUDENT PERFORMANCE

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS

- No course at EPS has an AP designation or follows a prescribed AP curriculum.
- 2015-2019: Over 200 exams taken in 18 subject areas.

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

- National Merit Scholars since 2009: 11
- 41 students recognized as Commended, Semifinalist, or Finalist in the classes of 2009-2019.

### GPA AND CLASS RANK

- EPS does not rank students in any manner or weight GPAs.
- Yearly and cumulative GPAs are included on our transcript.
- The mid-50% of GPAs for the Classes of 2019-2020\*: 3.43-3.84

|          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| A = 4.0  | A- = 3.7 | B+ = 3.3 | B = 3.0  | B- = 2.7 |
| C+ = 2.3 | C = 2.0  | C- = 1.7 | D+ = 1.3 | D = 1.0  |

### SAT AND ACT EXAMINATIONS

- These scores represent the mid-50% for the Classes of 2019 and 2020\*.

| SAT Test    |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| EBRW        | 625-725   |
| Mathematics | 570-760   |
| Total       | 1220-1400 |

| ACT Test  |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| ELA       | 25.5-31.5 |
| English   | 26.5-35   |
| Math      | 25-32.5   |
| Reading   | 26-35     |
| Science   | 24.5-34   |
| STEM      | 25-32.5   |
| Composite | 26.5-34   |

\*Scores and GPAs for the Class of 2019 are final; for the Class of 2020 they are accurate through July, 2019.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

The list below includes all schools and universities at which our 206 graduates from the classes of 2015 to 2019 were accepted. The asterisk (\*) indicates at least one EPS alumni matriculation.

|   |   |                                       |   |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Aalto University*   | Emerson College   | Purdue University                     | University of California, San Diego         |
| American University*                                      | Emory University*   | Queen's University*                   | University of California, Santa Barbara     |
| Amherst College*  | EU Business School Barcelona                                | Quest University Canada*              | University of California, Santa Cruz*       |
| Arizona State University*                                 | Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Los Angeles* | Reed College*                         | University of Chicago*                      |
| Auburn University   | Fordham University*   | Regis University                      | University of Cincinnati                    |
| Aurora University*  | Franklin University Switzerland                             | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*     | University of Colorado at Boulder*          |
| Barrett, The Honors College*                              | George Fox University*                                      | Rhode Island School of Design*        | University of Colorado, Colorado Springs    |
| Bates College*  | George Mason University                                     | Rice University*                      | University of Connecticut                   |
| Baylor University   | Georgia Institute of Technology                             | Roanoke College                       | University of Denver*                       |
| Bellevue College*   | Gettysburg College  | Rochester Institute of Technology*    | University of Hawaii at Manoa               |
| Beloit College  | Gonzaga University*   | Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology   | University of Idaho                         |
| Bentley University  | Goucher College   | Scripps College                       | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign* |
| Berklee College of Music*                                 | Grinnell College  | Seattle Pacific University            | University of Massachusetts, Amherst        |
| Boise State University                                    | Hamilton College - NY                                       | Seattle University*                   | University of Michigan*                     |
| Boston College*   | Hampshire College   | Seton Hall University                 | University of Minnesota, Twin Cities        |
| Boston University*  | Harvey Mudd College*  | Sewanee: The University of the South* | University of Missouri, Columbia            |
| Bradley University*                                       | Haverford College*  | Siena College                         | University of New Hampshire at Durham       |
| Brandeis University*                                      | Hawaii Pacific University                                   | Simmons University*                   | University of North Dakota                  |
| Brigham Young University*                                 | Hendrix College   | Simon Fraser University               | University of Northern Colorado             |
| Brown University*   | Hofstra University  | Skidmore College                      | University of Oregon*                       |
| Bryn Mawr College*  | Hult International Business School, London*                 | Smith College*                        | University of Ottawa                        |
| Bucknell University*                                      | Humboldt State University                                   | Southern Methodist University         | University of Pennsylvania                  |
| Butler University   | Indiana University at Bloomington                           | Southern Oregon University            | University of Portland                      |
| California College of the Arts                            | Ithaca College  | St. Edward's University*              | University of Puget Sound*                  |
| California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo* | James Madison University                                    | St. John's University                 | University of Rhode Island                  |
| California State Polytechnic University, Pomona           | Johns Hopkins University                                    | St. Olaf College*                     | University of Rochester*                    |
| California State University Maritime Academy              | Kenyon College*   | Stanford University*                  | University of San Diego*                    |
| Carleton College*   | Knox College  | Stevens Institute of Technology       | University of San Francisco*                |
| Carleton University                                       | K-State at Salina   | Susquehanna University*               | University of Southern California           |
| Carnegie Mellon University*                               | Lafayette College   | Syracuse University                   | University of St. Andrews                   |
| Carroll College (Montana)                                 | Lake Forest College*  | Temple University Japan*              | University of the Pacific                   |
| Carroll University (Wisconsin)*                           | Lawrence University   | The American University of Paris      | University of Toronto                       |
| Case Western Reserve University                           | Lehigh University   | The College of Idaho                  | University of Utah                          |
| Central Washington University*                            | Lewis & Clark College*                                      | The Evergreen State College           | University of Vermont*                      |
| Champlain College*  | Lewis-Clark State College                                   | The George Washington University*     | University of Virginia                      |
| Chapman University*                                       | Linfield College  | The University of Akron*              | University of Washington*                   |
| Claremont McKenna College*                                | Loyola Marymount University*                                | The University of Arizona             | Virginia Tech                               |
| Clark University  | Loyola University Chicago                                   | The University of Iowa                | Wake Forest University                      |
| Colby College   | Loyola University Maryland                                  | The University of Montana, Missoula*  | Washington State University*                |
| Colgate University  | Loyola University New Orleans                               | The University of North Carolina      | Washington University in St. Louis*         |
| College of Charleston                                     | Lynn University   | Trinity College                       | Webster University                          |
| College of William & Mary*                                | Macalester College*   | Trinity University                    | Wesleyan University*                        |
| Colorado College*   | Marquette University  | Tufts University*                     | West Virginia University                    |
| Colorado School of Mines*                                 | Massachusetts Institute of Technology*                      | Tulane University*                    | Western Colorado University                 |
| Columbia College Chicago*                                 | McNally Smith College of Music*                             | Union College*                        | Western University                          |
| Columbia University*                                      | Miami University, Oxford                                    | University of Aberdeen                | Western Washington University*              |
| Connecticut College                                       | Montana State University, Bozeman*                          | University of British Columbia*       | Whitman College*                            |
| Cornell University*                                       | Morehouse College   | University of Calgary                 | Whittier College*                           |
| Cornish College of the Arts*                              | Mount Holyoke College                                       | University of California, Berkeley*   | Whitworth University                        |
| Dallas Baptist University*                                | New York University*  | University of California, Davis       | Willamette University*                      |
| DePaul University   | Northeastern University*                                    | University of California, Irvine*     | Woodbury University                         |
| DePauw University   | Northwestern University                                     | University of California, Los Angeles | Worcester Polytechnic Institute*            |
| Dickinson College*  | Oberlin College*  | University of California, Merced      | Yale University*                            |
| Dominican University of California                        | Occidental College*   |                                       |   |
| Drexel University   | Oregon State University                                     |                                       |   |
| Duke University*  | Pacific University*   |                                       |   |
| Eastern Washington University*                            | Pennsylvania State University                               |                                       |   |
| Eckerd College  | Pomona College*   |                                       |   |
| Elon University   | Portland State University                                   |                                       |   |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach*      | Pratt Institute   |                                       |   |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott*           | Princeton University  |                                       |   |
|   | Providence College  |                                       |   |

## ▼ Courses by Grade Level

|                                    |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Literature                         | 9th-10th Humanities Program                         |  |   | American Literature (year-long)  | Modernist Literature, Film, and Music  | Critical Studies in Practice: Literature and the Natural Environment | Postmodern Theory and Literature                                   |
|                                    | Ancient Poetry: The Oldest Literature               | Shakespeare  | Modern Asian Literature and Film                    |  |  |  |  |
|                                    | Pre-History: Building Blocks of Civilization        | Renaissance History: The Cultural Epicenter                    | Modern Asian History: China and Japan               | U.S. History: The American Question (year-long)  | Renaissance Drama                      | Emotion and Motive in Literature: Western Fiction and Drama          | The Early Modern and Modern Novel                                  |
|                                    | Latin American Literature                           | Revolutions in Thought: 19th c. British Literature             | Modern African Literature                           |  | Democratic Theories and Civic Practice | Comparative Government   | Jurisprudence: The History of Legal Precedent in the United States |
|                                    | The Historical Formation of Latin American Identity | Revolutions in Thought: Enlightenment to Industrial Revolution | Modern African History                              | Public Policy: Race, Class, Gender, and the Environment  | International Relations                |  |  |
|                                    | Medieval Era: Literary Foundations                  | Modern Perspectives: 19th/20th C. European Literature          | Middle-Eastern & Middle-Eastern-American Literature | SCIENCE ELECTIVES: (year-long) Advanced Biology, Advanced Physics, Advanced Chemistry, Environmental Science (semester) Astronomy, Geoscience, Marine Biology, Ecology, Data Science |  |  |  |
| Medieval Era: Europe in Transition | Modern Perspectives: Ideologies in Practice         | The Modern Middle East   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Social Science                     | Biology (year-long)                                 |  | Chemistry (year-long)                               |  |  |  |  |

## ▼ Courses by Skill Level

In both the math and Spanish course progressions, students are placed at a level commensurate with their past experience/coursework and current fluency. Placement decisions are made based on a placement exam and at the discretion of the faculty in each academic discipline.

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|-----------------|--|-----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Math (yearlong) | Algebra I  | Geometry  | Algebra 2 | Pre-Calculus | Calculus            | Advanced Calculus | Adv. Topics in Mathematics |
|                 | Accelerated Algebra and Geometry (2 years) (Upper School course) |           |           |              | Statistics (1 year) |                   |                            |
| Spanish         | Spanish 1  | Spanish 2 | Spanish 3 | Spanish 4    | Advanced Spanish:   | Conversation      |                            |
|                 |  |           |           |              |                     | Language          |                            |
|                 |  |           |           |              |                     | Literature        |                            |

### Fine and Performing Arts Options

#### VISUAL ART

- Art Meets Science
- Mixed Media
- Paper Engineering
- Printmaking
- Perspective Drawing
- Drawing and Painting 1,2
- Digital Filmmaking I
- Digital Filmmaking 2: Film-making and Editing
- Digital Filmmaking 2: Story and Production
- Digital Photography
- Graphic Design

#### MUSIC

- Chamber Choir
- Upper School Choir
- Introduction to Instrumental Ensemble
- Instrumental Music Ensemble
- Chamber Music Ensemble
- Understanding Music

#### THEATRE

- Acting
- Original Works
- Directing
- Stagecraft

#### Technology and Computer Science

- Programming 1, 2
- Advanced Programming: Software Design Engineering, Web Applications, Algorithms & Data Structures
- Physical Meets Digital
- Web Design 1, 2

#### Physical Education

- Wellness
- Yoga
- Dance

#### Academic Electives

Students have the opportunity to take one or two electives per trimester concurrently with their five core classes: math, literature, social science, science, and Spanish. All course electives are one trimester.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

- Introduction to Public Speaking
- Modern Mythology in American Film
- Truth in Film: The Crafting of Reality
- American Popular Music and Culture
- Media Literacy

#### ECONOMICS & ENTREPRENEURIALISM

- Undercover Economics
- The Evolution of Society

#### PLACE-BASED STUDIES

- Topics in Urban Planning and Community Design
- Experience: Seattle
- Experience: Arches National Park

#### PSYCHOLOGY

- Neurobiology of the Mind

#### WRITER'S WORKSHOP

- Creative Writing
- Advanced Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry, Genre Study

## INDEPENDENT CURRICULUM

Independent offerings are decidedly collegiate in structure and rigor, providing students multiple opportunities to:

- 1) distinguish themselves as going above and beyond work offered in the core curriculum (left) (in addition to advanced coursework)
- 2) self-direct their learning and authorship of curricula
- 3) expand coursework within context of the core academic disciplines
- 4) explore relevant, applied topics outside the scope of the core curriculum

### Capstone Project

An independent research paper that explores a topic in-depth. Project ideas emerge from the content of students' core discipline courses in Grades 9-10, with topics ranging from those that are tied to a particular class, to those that delve into a question(s) that are truly inter-disciplinary in nature. Particular focus is placed on students practicing and internalizing the research process (ask, investigate, analyze, argue), publishing their

### Better World Project

Seniors do original, in-depth work in an area of interest that focuses on the EPS vision of creating a better world. Groups of 2-4 students work with a faculty mentor who encourages/advises them through their project.

#### Options:

- 1) Constructing innovative products in the arts, creative writing, or technology
- 2) Planning and implementing a service-learning project

### Independent Study

A hallmark of EPS's most engaged and self-motivated students, these provide juniors and seniors the opportunity to extend their academic exploration beyond current EPS course offerings. Students work one-on-one with a faculty mentor (similar to collaboration that may be expected by some college professors). Interested students (1) identify a topic/subject area to examine; (2) find a faculty mentor; and (3) construct a 10-week course of study which includes weekly meetings with their mentor. A text of appropriate complexity is required, with both an initial proposal

### Senior Thesis

This is the most rigorous research opportunity in the EPS academic program, providing a senior the time and support to build on the work of previous independent studies to produce a substantive research product. The thesis is designed to be both a culmination of work in an individual academic discipline (or an interdisciplinary domain), and preparation for

## Seminars

Using a unique time structure and a combination of lecture, independent research, plenary, and workshop sessions, seminars provide opportunities for students to build and refine their approach to multidisciplinary thinking. With the aim of preparing students for their collegiate experiences, seminar sessions meet once a week. Students collaborate and work independently outside of those sessions. Each 5-week experience is moderated by a faculty member or faculty pair, with guest presenters invited based on particular discipline knowledge/experience.

#### Athletic Leadership and Coaching Advanced Web Design

- Algorithms
- Art of the Sketchbook
- Becoming A Writing Associate
- Bias: How Humans Fool Themselves
- Biomimicry
- Climate Change by the Numbers: The IPCC report of 2014
- Compilers - Isn't It Time You Created Your Own Programming Language?
- Contemporary Art & Social Justice
- Creamos: Creative Expression in Spanish
- Cryptography: How to Keep a Secret
- Designing the "Perfect" Education System
- Discrete Math: How to Count and Use Counting to Answer Questions

#### Documentary Photography Empowerment in the Face of a Suffering Earth

- Escaping the Cave: Three Platonic Dialogues
- Evolution of Society 2
- Functional Programming
- Gender Studies

#### GPS and Graph Theory

- How to Keep a Secret: The Question of Privacy in a Social Media-Filled World
- Human Progress in the Modern World
- Intro to Electron Microscopy
- Intro to Organic Chemistry: Molecular Structure and Its Role in the Drug-Discovery Process
- Language Change
- Life Drawing
- Literary Translation
- Making Sense of Contemporary Environmental Issues
- Minimalism as a Lifestyle
- Nutrition and Fitness: How to Feel Better
- Patterns in the Mind: Language & Human Nature
- Physical Meets Digital: 3D Printing & Modeling
- Poetry: Personal and Political
- Privacy in the Age of Social Media
- Race in the United States
- Siege Warfare
- Simple Math Modeling for

#### Complex Problems

- South African Culture Through Story
- South of the Mason Dixon: American Short Stories
- Taking Action: Citizenship in the 21st Century
- The Art of The Sketchbook: A New Way of Seeing the World
- The Audition
- The Existentialist World Views of Sartre and Camus
- The Mountains are Calling and I Must Go: An Outdoor Literature Seminar
- The Signal & The Noise
- Understanding Baseball Through Film
- Understanding Baseball Through Statistics
- Understanding Computers from the Transistor Up
- Understanding Gravitational Wave Sources and Detection