

Mission

- Think critically
- Act responsibly
- Lead compassionately
- Innovate wisely

Vision

To inspire students to create a better world.



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10613 NE 38th Place, Kirkland, WA 98033 www.eastsideprep.org 425-822-5668 CEEB Code: 480564 Thanks for your interest in our school. We hope this document helps you better understand our students and curriculum. As questions arise please reach out to any of us listed to the left.

Eastside Prep (EPS) is a highly selective independent school with a dynamic, interdisciplinary curriculum grounded in a liberal arts education with a heavy dose of STEM. EPS is situated in the center of Seattle's high tech, global community and was founded twenty years ago to address the desire for greater inquiry-based, experiential learning. EPS continues to evolve, driven by its students' curiosity and a collective aim to create a better world.

COMMUNITY

One of the benefits of our location is the diverse, international professional population in this region. Our student body reflects this population. Our 530 students in grades 5-12 live in 51 distinct zip codes and matriculate from 147 different schools. 60% self-identify as students of color and 36 different languages are spoken at home. EPS is also a Rainier Scholars partner school.

- Student-to-teacher ratio: 8:1
- Average class size: 16
- Maximum class size: 18 (Excluding musical ensembles and choirs)
- Faculty with advanced degrees: 82%

FINANCIAL AID

In 2022-2023, EPS allocated \$1.8M with with an average grant of \$28,650 (or \$33,355, including non-tuition funding). On the school's 20th anniversary in January 2023, EPS proudly launched the school's first endowment, The Better World Endowment, to further fund financial aid and faculty professional development. \$7.1 million dollars have been raised toward this endowment.

ACCREDITATION

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

2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

- Fall—August 30 November 17
- Winter-November 28 March 8
- Spring—March 11 June 12

COVID STATEMENT

The Class of 2024 will be our last graduates who experienced any high school classes taught remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the 2020-21 year, EPS progressed from being fully remote in the fall to in-person classes in the spring. As a one-to-one laptop school with considerable technology assets, the transition to remote learning was relatively easy for us.

While we were remote, EPS students completed work consistent with the prior high expectations. Throughout COVID, courses covered the same content and were assessed and graded according to standard, pre-COVID EPS practices. The transcript remained unchanged.

The Curriculum

SCHEDULE

EPS operates on a fast-paced trimester schedule with students taking six or seven classes each 11-week trimester. A 70-minute block schedule allows for greater depth in discussion, diversity in instruction and cooperative learning.

GRADING

With a fundamental belief in equity and the unique and inherent value of each of our students, EPS does not compute a class rank or grant academic awards or honors. Given the demands of the entire curriculum, GPAs are not weighted and A+ is not part of the scale.

EPS does not offer AP classes and no courses are designated as honors level. While our classes do not specifically teach toward the AP tests, some students elect to take those examinations.

Mid 50% of GPAs for the Classes of 2020 - 2023: 3.63 to 3.95

STANDARDIZED TESTING

On average, 20% of EPS students each year are recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program. The Class of 2024 has 12 Semi-Finalists and 21 Commended Students.

Reliable access to testing remains a challenge in our region. To provide some sense of testing norms in our population, these are the middle 50% test ranges for the graduating classes of 2021 to 2023:

ACT: 30 - 34 SAT: 1330 - 1520

Special Programs

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

- distinguish themselves as going above and beyond work offered in the core curriculum (in addition to advanced coursework)
- self-direct their learning and authorship of curricula

- expand coursework within the context of the core academic disciplines
- explore relevant, applied topics outside the scope of the core curriculum

SEMINARS (GRADES 10-12)

With the aim of preparing students for the collegiate experience, seminars are faculty-designed and employ a combination of teaching methods in small 3-6 student classes that meet once a week. Seminars are not graded but set high expectations for preparation and work completed outside of class time. The topics covered reflect areas of broad faculty interest, and student enrollment is entirely voluntary.

Examples of Past Seminars

Advanced Filmmaking: A Deep Dive Bhagavad Gita: A Guide to Living Creamos: Creative Expression in Spanish Global Trends 2040 Indigenous Issues in Contemporary Latin America Introduction to Queer Theatre Literary Translation: Global Art Periodic Dining Table: Topics in Food Science Race in the United States Siege Warfare Systems Thinking: An Introduction to Ecological Modeling The Ethics of Indigenous Rights The Millennium Problems: Million Dollar Math Puzzles Understanding Baseball Through Statistics Understanding Gravitational Wave Sources and Detection Worldviews, Truths, and Consequences You Mad, Bro?: Rethinking Masculinity

INDEPENDENT STUDY (IS) AND INDEPENDENT PROJECT (IP)

Independent Study complements students' academic experiences at EPS, putting greater personal accountability on their learning and granting the freedom to explore a subject that piques their interest or extends beyond the offerings in our disciplines. Students design and pursue an independent course with the support of a faculty mentor. After detailing a 10-week course plan and syllabus, students propose the course in front of a faculty panel. If accepted, a student completes their self-designed course the following trimester and then presents to peers as well as a faculty panel for credit.

SENIOR THESIS

In rare cases, students choose to pursue a Senior Thesis. (Only 12 students have completed this program since the program's inception in 2016.) The Senior Thesis is the most rigorous research opportunity in the EPS academic program, providing students 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 in an individual academic discipline (or an interdisciplinary domain), and preparation for intensive research as an undergraduate. Students are required to have completed two Independent Studies of exceptional quality as a prerequisite for proposing a Senior Thesis.

Graduation Requirements

Each trimester course (TRI) earns one credit, with year-long (YL) earning three credits. Students must earn 72 credits to graduate with 58 assigned across disciplines. GPAs noted on the transcript include only classes taken at EPS. More details can be found in the chart on the following page.

For the complete course catalog: courses.eastsideprep.org

Humanities Core 12 credits English* 9 credits History and Social Sciences

In grades 9-11, English and History courses are taught as integrated pairs. In grades 9 & 10, students choose from two each trimester. Throughout, our humanities courses require critical analysis, research and high-level writing.

Grade 9 TRI	Grade 10 TRI	Grade 11 YL
Fall Boundaries <i>or</i> Connections Winter	Fall Medieval History or European Revolutions in Thought	American Literature with US History
Migration or Exchange Spring Origins or Authority	Winter Modern Perspectives or Reason to Romance	
6	Spring Modern History: Africa or Asia or Latin America or Middle East	

Humanities Senior Courses

*3 English credits must be earned via Senior Courses in grade 12

There are no designated advanced courses in Humanities. These senior courses presume prior content and are taught to expose students to college-level reading and writing.

English TRI

Social Science TRI

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Modernist Literature, Film, and Music	Democratic Theories and Civic Practices
Literature and the Natural Environment	Comparative Government
Postmodern Theory & Literature	Law, Justice, and the American Legal System
Renaissance Drama	Public Policy
Western Fiction and Drama	International Relations
The Modern Novel	The Economics of Development

Science 9 credits YL

The introductory courses in Biology, Chemistry and Physics must be taken prior to enrollment in subsequent advanced courses. Advanced Sciences are taught at an accelerated college-level pace with the most in-depth and conceptually challenging content. All Science classes include extensive laboratory work.

Grade 9	Courses YL	Courses TRI	
Biology	Adv Biology	Astronomy	
Grade 10	Adv Chemistry	Data Science 1 & 2	
Chemistry	Adv Physics	Ecology	
Grade 11 Physics	Organic Chemistry	Geoscience	
	Environmental Studies	Marine Biology	

Math 9 credits YL

Students follow standard progression per year with completion through Algebra 2 required. Advanced Calculus exceeds BC level AP and Adv Topics explores complex themes taught in college coursework.

Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Pre-Calculus	Calculus	Adv. Calculus	Adv. Topics
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Spanish 9 credits YL

Spanish is the only World Language offered, an intentional decision to optimize for advanced literacy, rigor and depth of courses and to integrate Spanish across disciplines.

Spanish 4 must be completed before enrolling in the advanced coursework. A small number of students enroll in world language classes outside of EPS.

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Spanish 1	
Spanish 2	
Spanish 3	
Spanish 4	

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Courses TRI Advanced Spanish: Current Events Film Music

Technology and Computer Science Courses TRI

Courses YL

Advanced Language

Advanced Literature

Students have open access to a state-of-the-art Makerspace and Robotics Lab to enrich their study.

Programming

Programming 1 & 2 Advanced Programming: Topics in Computer Science Advanced Programming: Algorithms & Data Structure Advanced Programming: Topics in Computer Science

Design

Web Design 1 & 2 Physical Meets Digital

Interdisciplinary Courses TRI

Coursework in this area equips students to think critically across various disciplines so that they can better understand and navigate the modern world.

Expression	Media	Place-based	Thinking
Intro to Public Speaking	Truth in Film	Experience: Seattle	Undercover Economics
Creative Writing Adv Creative Writing	Modern Mythology in American Film	Experience: Arches National Park	Evolution of Society Philosophy
Ŭ	Media Literacy	Topics in Urban Planning and Community Design	

Fine & Performing	Arts 5 credits TRI	
Music	Theatre	Visual Art
Chamber Choir*	Acting 1 & 2	Arts Portfolio Dev
Chamber Music Ensemble*	Directing	Digital Filmmaking 1 & 2
Digital Music Studio	Stagecraft	Digital Photography
Intro to Instrumental Music: Band		Drawing & Painting 1 & 2
Intro to Instrumental Music: Orchestra		Graphic Design 1 & 2
Rock Orchestra		Mixed Media
Understanding Music		Paper Engineering
Vocal Rock Studio		Printmaking
*YL, audition required		

Physical Education 5 credits TRI

A wellness class is required in grade 9. Additional courses may be completed at any time during the upper school. Credits can also be earned through interscholastic sports participation.



College Matriculations

Arizona State University (3) **Babson College** Bard College (2) Bates College (2) **Belmont University Boston College Boston University** Bowdoin College (3) Brandeis University (2) Brown University (4) California College of the Arts California Institute of Technology (2) California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (3) **Carleton University** Carnegie Mellon University (4) Cascadia College Case Western Reserve University (3) Chapman University (6) **Charles University** Claremont McKenna College (3) **Colby College** Colorado College (3) **Colorado School of Mines** Columbia College Chicago (2) **Columbia University** Cornell University (5) **Dalhousie University**

Dallas Baptist University Davidson College **Denison University DePaul University Dickinson College Duke University** Eastern Washington University **Edmonds** College Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott (2) Emerson College (3) Emory University (2) Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising Fordham University (2) Franklin University Switzerland **George Fox University** George Washington University (4) Gonzaga University (2) Hamilton College Harvard University (2) Harvey Mudd College (4) **Haverford College** Illinois Wesleyan University Indiana University, Bloomington (2) Johns Hopkins University (2) Kenyon College (2) Lafayette College Lewis & Clark College

Loyola Marymount University (3) Macalester College Maryland Institute College of Art Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2) McDaniel College McGill University New York University (3) Northeastern University (5) Northwestern University **Oberlin College** Occidental College (4) Olin College of Engineering Oregon State University (4) Oxford College of Emory University Pacific University Pepperdine University Pitzer College (2) Pomona College (2) Purdue University Queen's University Reed College (2) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rice University (3) Rochester Institute of Technology (3) San Diego State University Santa Clara University (12) Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art and Design (2)

School of Drama at The New School Scripps College (3) Seattle University (3) Simpson College Skidmore College Smith College (2) St. Olaf College Stanford University (8) Swarthmore College (3) Syracuse University (2) Temple University, Japan **Texas A&M University** The College of William and Mary The Ohio State University (2) The University of Tampa Trinity College Dublin (2) Tufts University (5) Tulane University of Louisiana (2) University of Arizona University of British Columbia (2) University of California, Berkeley (5) University of California, Irvine (3) University of California, Los Angeles (6) University of California, San Diego (2) University of California. Santa Barbara (2) University of California, Santa Cruz (3) University of Chicago (4)

University of Colorado, Boulder (7) University of Denver (3) University of Hawaii, Manoa University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign University of Minnesota, Twin Cities University of Oregon University of Pennsylvania (4) University of Portland (2) University of Redlands University of Richmond University of Southern California (4) University of Toronto (4) University of Victoria University of Washington, Bothell University of Washington, Seattle (32) University of Waterloo (2) University of Wisconsin, Madison Vanderbilt University (2) Villanova University Washington State University Washington University in St. Louis (2) Wesleyan University Western Washington University (6) Whitman College (6) Whittier College Willamette University Worcester Polytechnic Institute (4) Yale University (2)

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