

RICHARDSON HIGH SCHOOL



OVERVIEW

Richardson High School is a **Nationally Rated High School (Top 3% nationally)** by US News and World Report, Newsweek, and the Washington Post.

TEA STAAR Rating: 4 consecutive years to meet TEA standards in all areas:

- Academic Achievement in Reading/ELA
- Academic Achievement in Mathematics
- Academic Achievement in Science
- Academic Achievement in Social Studies
 - Top 25% Student Progress
- Top 25% Closing the Achievement Gap
 - College and Career Readiness

RISD made the **Texas Honor Roll in 2016-17** and RHS was the only RISD high school to make the list (RISD is one of only *eleven* districts in Texas to achieve this rating)

3 National Hispanic Scholars in 2018

Benjamin Graybael, Parker Hague, Lupita Roa

1 National Merit Finalist

Erika Ralston

12 students selected for Dell Scholarship, 2018

12 National Merit Commended Students in 2017 and 2018

3 National Hispanic Scholars,

2 National Merit Finalists

RHS students sat for **1,884 AP Exams**, and RHS offers more AP and Dual Credit opportunities than any other HS in RISD

RHS CTE and Magnet students obtained over **540** professional Industry-Standard certifications

RHS Students received more than **\$7.56 million** in scholarships toward post-secondary education

RHS AVID students received more than **\$3.4 million** toward post-secondary education/training

RHS Athletes received **\$1.4 million** in scholarships for continuing education

EXEMPLARY PROGRAMS

State and Nationally recognized Performing Arts

State and Nationally recognized Mock Trial Team

Award Winning Speech and Debate Programs

Comprehensive Pre-AP/AP/GT Programs

Dual Enrollment, On-Ramp College Credit Courses
Professional Intern Program
Competitive Athletic Programs
Award-Winning Visual Arts and Photography Programs
State Recognized Academic Decathlon Program
RHS Counseling Department Awarded 2016 CREST Award, 2016 & 2017
“Best Community for Music Education” – all music programs received Superior/Sweepstakes at UIL
State and National Award Winning Robotics Program

NINE MAGNET PROGRAMS

Communications
Computer Science (*New in 2018-19*)
Culinary Arts
Law
Robotics
Science
Tech Theatre
Theatre
Visual Arts

TEACHER AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Academic

RHS/RISD STAR TEACHER AWARD WINNERS

Jennifer Cheng
Tony Strohmeyer
Jeff Bivins
Pat Hofeditz
George Hademenos
Chad Gilliland

2017-18 PolarTREC TEACHER SELECTION – ANTARCTICA RESEARCH

George Hademenos

2016-17 TEXAS INSTRUMENTS STEM AWARD

Max Morales, Robotics

STEM AWARD WINNERS AT RHS

Chad Gilliland, Lauren Hawkins, Kristin Gonzales-Vega, Mark Mester

2016-17 TECH TITAN AWARD

Henry Vo, Computer Science & Programming

TECH TITAN AWARD WINNERS AT RHS

Chad Gilliland, Alisa Salvans, George Hademenos

HEAT 2017 STATE HOSPITALITY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Bobbie Weir

2015 TOYOTA STEM AWARD RECIPIENT

Mark Mester

2015 WFAA GREEN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Tony Strohmeyer

2013-15 UTD TEACHER OF INSPIRATION AWARD

Henry Vo

2015 HEAT/HOSPITALITY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD – DFW METROPLEX

Bobbie Weir

2014 NASA OBSERVATORY SCIENCE ASTRONOMY FLIGHTS

George Hademenos & Diane Watson

STAFF UIL & EXTRACURRICULAR RECOGNITION

2016-17 RISD COACH OF THE YEAR

Eric Miracle, Volleyball

2016-17 UIL 6A Texas Assistant Coach of the Year

Coach Kevin Lawson

2016 AMERICAN VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HONORS

Eric Miracle, Volleyball (100 Career Victories)

2015 & 2016 RISD and 9-6A COACH OF THE YEAR

Justin Reese, Boys Basketball

2015 UIL SPONSOR OF EXCELLENCE AWARD in MUSIC

Lindy Perez

MAGNET RECOGNITION

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Magnet will be moving into a new, state-of-the-art studio in Fall of 2018

***New for 2018-19* – Communications will fulfill the Fine Arts requirement for graduation**

All-American Film Festival – New York City, 2017

5 Selections Qualified for NYC

1 Finalist in Comedy Division (“Afterthoughts”)

South by Southwest

2 selections qualified for SXSW Film Festival in 2017-18
7 selections qualified for SXSW Film Festival in Austin in 2016-17

Eagle Eye

Live daily, video announcements

Professional Work – In-House

City of Richardson, Wildflower Music Festival
Advertising and Promo for the app *SKRATCH*

24-Hour Race

Magnet students are given 24 hours and a theme to film, edit, and show their film.
Films are judged by a professional and awards are distributed

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Pilot Magnet for 2018-19 School Year Curriculum for 4 different career paths

Computer Science
Advanced Computer Science
App Design and Development
Gaming and Design

CULINARY ARTS

Bistro15 (formerly Eagle Café) caters special events for RHS, RISD, and the community
All Culinary Magnet students receive their Food Handler's and ServSafe Certifications
Partnered with Medical City Dallas to create a "Kids Teaching Kids Cookbook" in 2015-16

LAW

Mock Trial finished 6th in State in 2016-17
Mock Trial State Champions in 2002, 2003, & 2007

ROBOTICS

NIMS Certification

Formed in 1995, by the metalworking trade associations to develop and maintain a globally competitive workforce,
NIMS sets the skills standards for the industry, certifies individual skills against the standards, and accredits
training programs that meet NIMS quality requirements.

4 students qualified for SkillsUSA WorldTeam Robotics

Four students will travel to Russia in the summer of 2019 to compete against the world in Mobile Robotics

Skills USA Mobile Robotics National Champions – 2015, 2016

Skills USA Mobile Robotics National Runners-Up – 2017

Recent Cross-Curricular Projects designed & manufactured on campus

FFA Smoker

Robot Chicken

T-shirt Cannons for Athletic Events

SCIENCE

THEATER / TECH THEATER

9 Dallas Summer Musical nominations since 2016

Fiddler on the Roof, 2016

Hello Dolly, 2017

Addams Family, 2018

VISUAL ARTS

Nasher Sculpture Center – Student Advisory Board

Lucas Flanders

Young Master's Exhibition

AP Music – Deanna Smith, Vexation for Violin, Viola, Piano

AP Studio – 90+ works selected to move on to final round of judging

Five works displayed in DMA Young Masters Exhibition

Omniscient – Njoroge Ivy (Black & White Portrait Photo)

Party Dog – Gracie Hinojosa (Paper Mache)

Dia de los Muertos – Felipe Ortiz (Digital Floating Figures)

Axe Wielding Warrior – Jean Luc Fagnan (Warrior Figurine)

Disfigured – Andrea Fernandez (marker, pen, colored pencil)

RHS PTA Reflections Award of Excellence Winners

Dance – Abby Gluckman

Film – Collin Grant

Music – Austin Townsend

Photography – Zaiba Fatima

Visual Arts – Samantha Vassen

RHS PTA Reflections Contest Entries

39 Visual Art entries
4 Music Compositions
2 Photography entries
1 Film entry
3 Literature entries
1 Dance Choreography entry

2017 State Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE) and Award Ceremony

Only 2,000 entries qualified to advance from the entire state of Texas and 13 were from RHS
10 of these 13 received the highest UIL Art Award – **State VASE Medallion**
RHS was the only school from RISD to have students receive the highest honor – **Gold Seal Medallion**

VASE Gold Seal Medallion

Jean Luc Fagnan
Anna Maupin

State VASE Medallion

Sofia Conde
Katherine Dowling
Jean Luc Fagnan
Madison Hotchko (2 medallions)
Tomisaac Mark
Anna Maupin
Felipe Ortiz
Gabrielle Steagall

3 Top Ten Students for 2016-17 (Graduating Class of 583)

Sofia Conde – 3rd
Anna Maupin – 5th
Abigail Horne – 6th

Cottonwood Art Festival 2017 Emerging Artist Exhibit

Anna Maupin, Ivy Njoroje, and Sofia Conde

City of Richardson Wildflower Music Festival Guitar Contest Winner

Gracie Hinojosa

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

UIL ACADEMIC DECATHLON

5 consecutive appearances at State Competition

18th overall final ranking in State

State Silver Medal in AcDec Interview

Chasyn Andrews-Philbin

State Bronze Medal in History

Katharine Gavitt

AcDec Regional Competition

6th Overall, 3 Top-10 Overall Individuals

UIL SPEECH & DEBATE

National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) National Qualifying Team, 2015-17

2017 NSDA LBJ District Overall 1st Place Tournament Sweepstakes

2017 NSDA LBJ District 1st Place Speech Sweepstakes

AVID

AVID National Demonstration School (2013 – 2019)

This rating certifies that RHS is among the top 2% of schools worldwide
National Demonstration rating is validated every three years. RHS was re-validated in 2016.

2 Gates Millennium Scholars, 9 Dell Scholars, 2 Terry Scholars

Scholarship Amounts Awarded to AVID Students

2015 – \$5.69 million

2016 – \$3.08 million

2017 - 3.41 million

UIL ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

BOYS BASKETBALL

Earned UIL Playoffs for 5 Consecutive Years, 2012 – 2017

2016-17 UIL 6A Texas Assistant Coach of the Year

Coach Kevin Lawson

District 9-6A Offensive Player of the Year

Keaton Wallace

First Team All-District, 9-6A

Jalen Patterson & Xavier Elam

2016 District 9-6A MVP

Brandon Averitte

2015 District 9-6A Co-District MVP's

Ben Nakwaasah & Brandon Averitte

5 Consecutive Years with an RHS All-Region Player

2017 – Keaton Wallace

2016 – Brandon Averitte

2015 – Ben Nakwaasah

2014 – Nylan Yancy

2013 – Brandon Scott

FOOTBALL

Six Athletic Scholarships Awarded to RHS Football Players in 2016-17

5 Academic All-State Players

22 Academic All-District Players

TRACK

2017 UIL State Champion

Zack Steger, Shotput

VOLLEYBALL

2017-18 Bi-District Champions, Area Finalist

TAVC 6A All-State Selections

Payton Cerny, Natalie Perdue

Setter of the Year

Allie Cunyus

1st Team All District

Payton Cerny, Natalie Perdue, Alex Sarathy

THSCA Academic All-State

Logan Jones, Shion Kabasele, Sydni Marsh

TGCA & TAVC Academic All-State

Shion Kabasele, Sydni Marsh

2016-17 Bi-District Champions, 26-14 overall

TAVC 6A All-State Selection

Natalie Perdue

District 9-6A All District Honorees & Recognition

Attacker of the Year: Natalie Perdue

Blocker of the Year: Raven Presley

Coach of the Year: Eric Miracle

1st Team All District: Amaris Carter, Payton Cerny, Riley Wertzberger

Academic All-District: Taylor Black, Naomi Brown, Logan Jones, Shion Kabasele, Natalie Perdue, Raven Presley, Riley Wertzberger

TGCA Academic All-State

Riley Wertzberger

THSCA Academic All-State

Raven Presley & Riley Wertzberger

UIL FINE ARTS RECOGNITION

GOLDEN EAGLE BAND

STRAIGHT SUPERIOR RATINGS IN UIL MARCHING CONTEST, CONCERT, & SIGHT-READING

Dave Campbell's Texas Football/Mr. Gatti's Most Spirited Band Award

99.5 The Wolf WUWTWS "Best Band in the Land"

4 UIL Solo and Ensemble – All State Recognition

Anna Fitzgerald, 11th, Alto Saxophone

Aissa Torres, 12th, Alto Saxophone

Austin Townsend, 12th, Alto Saxophone

Christopher Finch, 12th, Euphonium

TMEA ALL-STATE MEMBER

Christopher Finch, 12th, Euphonium

TMEA All-Region Orchestra Members (Winds)

Rose Nagele, 12th, Trumpet

Nicholas Crothers, 12th, Trumpet

Alexander Leo, 11th, Trumpet

15 TMEA Area Members

Aissa Torres, 12th, Alto Saxophone

Anna Fitzgerald, 11th, Alto Saxophone

Austin Townsend, 12th, Tenor Saxophone

Nicholas Crothers, 12th, Trumpet

Alexander Leo, 11th, Trumpet

Samuel Salinas, 11th, Trombone

Theresa Guidry, 9th, Trombone

Campbell Hartigan, 11th, Trombone
Marcus Sykora, 11th, Bass Trombone
Christopher Finch, 12th, Euphonium
Andrew Read, 12th, Percussion
Zach Seider, 12th, Percussion

39 TMEA All-Region Band Members

32 TMEA Texas Music Scholars

Nominated for Best Pit Orchestra (Top 12 of 76) by Dallas Summer Musicals

AP Music Theory – All-State Composition for Texas PTA Reflections
Austin Townsend

CHOIR

Sweepstakes at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest

3 Time Selection to All-State Choir Selection
Bethany Jelinek

4 All-Area Choir Members

24 All-Region Choir Members

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

ARCHITECTURE

Creation of RStudio (RHS Architecture) in 2017

RHS Architecture students re-designed our on-campus EAGLE CAFÉ (now Bistro15)
Flexible space with dual purposes: simultaneous functional classroom and inviting dining area

1st Place – Association for Learning Environments Impact Awards
\$6,000 award to improve/modernize RStudio on campus

Designed, built, and installed five Dallas-area libraries in partnership with DART, bcWorkshop, and Dallas Police Department

Partnerships with College of Architecture on multiple campuses
Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M, Texas Tech, UT-Arlington

DECA (BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP)

8th Largest DECA program in Texas with 218 student members

23rd largest DECA program nation-wide

6 International Qualifiers in 2017

HEALTH SCIENCE (HOSA)

3 State Officers in 2016-17

PROGRAMMING TEAM

Digital Divas Competition

Hosted Programming and Coding contest to increase female participation and interest in technology.
Partnered with **AT&T** and the **City of Richardson** to declare February 4th "Digital Divas Day"

TAFE (TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE EDUCATORS)

Educators Rising State Competition – National Qualifier, Exploring Education Administration Careers
Michelle Guerrero

State Competition – Highest Scores and Honors
Teacher Created Materials – Nohemi Galaviz & Emily Popoca
Bulletin Board - Aspen Gooden & Madison Williams
Project Visualize Appreciation - Nadira Hamid & Faiza Zaman