GIRLS ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: DR. MICHELLE KING SCHOOL FOR STEM
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2023-2024 GALA SCHOOL PROFILE

DESCRIPTION: Girls Academic Leadership Academy (GALA): Dr. Michelle King School for STEM is the first and only PUBLIC all-girls STEM school in LAUSD and California. GALA serves 6th-12th grades. Established in 2016, GALA is a leader in student achievement where girls have the opportunity to excel in academics with a focus on STEM, leadership, and social-emotional skills. Our pillars are excellence, leadership, wellness, and honor. We welcome all girls who are committed to a rigorous college-prep curriculum. GALA is a Title 1 school with **100% graduation**.

ADMISSIONS: GALA is an LAUSD Admission Criteria public school. GALA is not a charter and not a magnet. New student admission is by application on the GALA website October 1-November 17.
6th Grade: 105 new students admitted   **9th Grade**: 0-20 new students admitted
7th Grade: 0-10 new students admitted   **10th Grade**: 0-10 new students admitted
8th Grade: 0-10 new students admitted   **11th Grade**: 0-10 new students admitted

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:
Hours: Mondays 10:00am-3:35pm, Tuesdays-Fridays 8:30am-3:35pm
Academic Schedule: Academics are organized on an alternating block schedule. Students have an Advisory period each morning followed by three 90-minute block classes daily. A-day is periods 1, 3, 5. B-day is periods 2, 4, 6. 7th period is a required elective Tuesdays-Fridays for 1 hour.
7th Period Elective Schedule: Tuesday-Friday 2:35-3:35pm

REMOTE LEARNING GRADING POLICY
In response to the COVID-19 crisis, LAUSD and GALA moved to remote learning March 2020, Hybrid in March 2021, and in-person August 2021. Grading policy here: https://achieve.lausd.net/ab104

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT
Total (6th-12th): 735
Middle School: 366
High School: 369
Class of 2024: 89

2023-2024 ETHNICITY
29% Caucasian
28% Latinx
14% African American
10% Asian
 3% Filipino, Pacific Islander
 1% Amer. Indian/Alaskan
15% 2 or more ethnicities

DEMOGRAPHICS
Families are coming from 81 Zip Codes

New students coming from 84 different schools

GALA is a Title 1 school.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
In 2016, LAUSD aligned their graduation requirements with the A-G University of California minimum subject requirements. GALA requires girls to complete STEM courses above these requirements so our students are best prepared for the rigor of college courses. GALA requires 2 years of Computer Science in high school, a graduation requirement unique to any other LAUSD school.

A-G	UC / HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	UC/HS REQ. # OF YEARS	GALA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	GALA REQ. # OF YEARS
A	Social Science	3	**Social Science**	**3**
B	English	4	**English**	**4**
C	Mathematics	3	**Mathematics**	**4**
D	Science	2 (1 physical 1 biological)	**Science**	**4**
E	Language Other Than English	2	**Language Other Than English**	**2**
F	Visual/Performing Art	1	**Visual/Performing Art**	**1**
G	College Prep Elective	1	**College Prep Elective**	**1**
	<u>LAUSD EXTRA REQ.</u> Physical Education Health (1 semester) Ethnic Studies (1 semester) Computer Science Advisory	2 1 1 0 0	<u>**GALA EXTRA REQ.**</u> **Physical Education** **Health (1 semester)** **Ethnic Studies (1 semester)** **Computer Science** **Advisory**	**2** **1** **1** **2** **4**

PRINCIPAL & FOUNDER
Dr. Liz Hicks

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Jason Benoit

COLLEGE COUNSELOR
Tiffany Hervey

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR
Tara Hallinan

MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR
Rebecca Gross

BSAP COUNSELOR
Elizabeth Huff

ACCREDITATION
Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) - 6 years

RECOGNITIONS
- Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll: High Achieving School
- CA Senate, CA Assembly, LA City Council, LA Mayor's Office

AWARDS
- College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award, 6 years
- MATE Underwater Roving Competition City (1st & 3rd)
- MS Robotics, Lego Team City
- HS Robotics, First Tech Challenge Regional Award
- MS Pentathalon
- Gold Level National Math Club
- Mock Trial State Competitors
- National Merit Scholars
- Questbridge & Posse Scholars
- NCWIT Student/Teacher Awards
- SAMPE STEM Teacher Award
- CIF City Champs: Volleyball, Soccer, Tennis
- CIF Sports Scholar Athletes

MEMBERSHIPS
- International Coalition of Girls' Schools
- Student Leadership Network

FACULTY
- 36 fully-credentialed teachers
- The majority of GALA teachers hold advanced degrees.

FACILITIES (2023-2024)
Architecture Studio   Maker Space
Cafeteria   Robotics Room
College Center   Track
Dance Studio   Theater
GALA Field   Wellness Room
Library Lounge

TUITION
GALA is a public school, tuition-free and donation dependent. No student is admitted or denied based on financial capacity.

CALIFORNIA STANDARDIZED TESTS - (All standards higher-some double-that of LAUSD & CA averages.)

Caasp Published Test Results
"Meets and Exceeds Standards" Percentages

CAASP TEST SCORES - 2023		
GR	**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS** Meets and Exceeds Standards Results	
6th	**GALA SCORE**: 81%	**LAUSD SCORE**: 38%
7th	**GALA SCORE**: 86%	**LAUSD SCORE**: 40%
8th	**GALA SCORE**: 86%	**LAUSD SCORE**: 38%
11th	**GALA SCORE**: 95%	**LAUSD SCORE**: 48%
	MATHEMATICS Meets and Exceeds Standards Results	
6th	**GALA SCORE**: 59%	**LAUSD SCORE**: 27%
7th	**GALA SCORE**: 64%	**LAUSD SCORE**: 26%
8th	**GALA SCORE**: 54%	**LAUSD SCORE**: 23%
11th	**GALA SCORE**: 72%	**LAUSD SCORE**: 19%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

GALA is changing educational gender norms in the number of girls taking AP STEM classes. AP Computer Principles is required. GALA does not have grade pre-requisites for AP Classes. Any student can take AP classes if they are willing to do the academic rigor. 100% AP enrollment. All AP testing is free to GALA students.

AP ENROLLMENT PERCENTAGES (GIRLS)

STUDENT PSAT AND SAT EXAMS

- **PSAT**: Tests administered on the GALA campus for 8th-11th grades for no fee.
- **SAT**: 11th grade tests administered on the GALA campus for no fee.

GALA CLASS OF 2023

GALA's first three graduating classes (2020, 2021, 2022) were students attending GALA 9th-12th. The first full-span graduating class attending 6th-12th grades was the Class of 2023.

100% GRADUATION 69 STUDENTS

Over **5.5 Million Dollars** in Scholarships & Financial Aid (attending schools)

100% AP STUDENTS

4.525 GPA VALEDICTORIAN
3.93 GPA AVERAGE CLASS OF 2023

97% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE
67 Attending College
2 Gap Year
40% First Generation

University/College Acceptance to: 36 states, Washington D.C., 6 countries!

50% Girls Entering STEM in College

GRADE AND GPA SCALE

GALA uses a 4-point scale to calculate grade point averages.
A = 4.0 **B** = 3.0 **C** = 2.0 **D** = 1.0

EQUITY GRADING & INSTRUCTION

Standards-based grading is a growth-mindset approach to teaching and learning, based on the expectation that everyone can learn when provided the right conditions and support. Students are evaluated on a 4-point rubric provided per standard in each academic class.

2023-2024 AP CLASSES

AP African American Studies (added 2023-2024)
AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science A (Java)
AP English Language & Composition
AP Environmental Science
AP Literature (added 2023-2024)
AP Physics 1
AP Psychology
AP Research (Capstone)
AP Seminar (Capstone)
AP Statistics
AP US Government & Politics
AP US History
AP World History

CIF HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Basketball	Soccer
Cheer	Tennis
Cross Country	Swim
Flag Football	Track
Lacrosse	Volleyball

ARTS

Architecture . Art History . Broadcast/Film . Chorus . Dance . Graphic Arts . Musical Theater . Orchestra

2023-2024 ELECTIVES

Aerospace	Graphic Design
Architecture Design 1	Journalism
Architecture Design 2	Leadership
Art History	Latin Amer. Studies
Broadcast	Marine Biology
Choir	Math Lab
Computer Science	Mock Trial
Dance	Music
Engineering	Musical Theater
Engineering Dynamics	Robotics
Ethnic Studies	Spanish
Game Design	Speech
Graphic Arts	Virtual Branding
Graphic Design	Weight Lifting
	Yearbook

6TH GR. 10WK ELECTIVE WHEEL:

Aerospace, Intro to Computer Science, Creative Writing, Global Studies

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- A capella Choir
- ASB Leadership
- Beyond the Bell
- Women's Career Conference
- CIF High School Sports
- Clubs (student-led)
- College Prep
- Concerts and Talent Show
- Dances: 8th Gr, HS HoCo, Prom
- Events: Earth Day, Pi Day, etc.
- Field Trips
- Goddess Games
- Mock Trial
- Robotics Competitions (MS & HS)

6TH GRADE COURSE MAP

ENGLISH: CC English 6
HISTORY: World History: Anc. Civ.
MATH: CC Math 6
SCIENCE: Integrated Science 6
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
ELECTIVE WHEEL: Aerospace, Computer Science, Creative Writing, Ethnic Studies
7TH PERIOD ELECTIVE: Aerospace, Art History, Dance, Ethnic Studies, Game Design, Graphic Arts, Journalism, Leadership, Math Lab, Robotics

7TH GRADE COURSE MAP

ENGLISH: CC English 7
HISTORY: World History: Medieval Modern
MATH: CC Math 7 or Accelerated CC Math 7/8
SCIENCE: Integrated Science 7 and Health
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
ELECTIVE - Computer Science, Exploring Architecture and Engineering, or Music
7TH PERIOD ELECTIVE: Aerospace, Exploring Architecture, Art History, Broadcast, Choir, Dance, Ethnic Studies, Game Design, Graphic Arts, Journalism, Leadership, Math Lab, Robotics, Spanish, Yearbook

8TH GRADE COURSE MAP

ENGLISH: CC English 8
HISTORY: US History
MATH: CC Math 8 or Algebra 1 (Prereq. accel. math)
SCIENCE: Integrated Science 8
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
ELECTIVE - Computer Science, Exploring Architecture and Engineering, Musical Theater, or Spanish.
7TH PERIOD ELECTIVE: Aerospace, Exp. Architecture, Art History, Broadcast, Choir, Dance, Ethnic Studies, Game Design, Graphic Arts, Journalism, Leadership, Math Lab, Robotics, Spanish, Yearbook.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

HISTORY (A)
World History
US History
Econ & Government
AP World History
AP US History
AP US Government & Politics

ENGLISH (B)
English 9
English 10
American Lit/Cont.Comp.
Adv Comp/Women in Lit.
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature

MATH (C)
Algebra 1
Geometry
Algebra 2
Pre-Calculus
Intro Data Science
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics

SCIENCE (D)
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
AP Environmental Science

LANGUAGE (E)
Spanish 1
Spanish Speakers 1
Spanish 2
Spanish Speakers 2
Spanish 3
LACC: Other languages

VISUAL/PERFORMING ART (F)
Architecture
Dance
Graphic Design
Music (Orchestra, Musical Theater, Choir)

COMPUTER SCIENCE
Exploring Computer Science
AP Computer Principles (D)
AP Computer Science A (Java) (C)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Advance PE 1
Advance PE 2
CIF Sports:
  Basketball
  Cheer
  Cross Country
  Flag Football (new)
  Lacrosse
  Soccer
  Swim
  Tennis
  Track
  Volleyball

AP ELECTIVES
AP African American Studies
AP Research, AP Seminar
AP Psychology

LAUSD REQUIREMENTS
Health (1 semester)
Ethnic Studies (1 semester)

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES
Architecture Design
Architecture Engineering Dyn.
Broadcast
Choir
Dance
Engineering
Graphic Design 1
Latin American Studies
Leadership
Marine Biology
Mock Trial
Musical Theater
Robotics
Speech
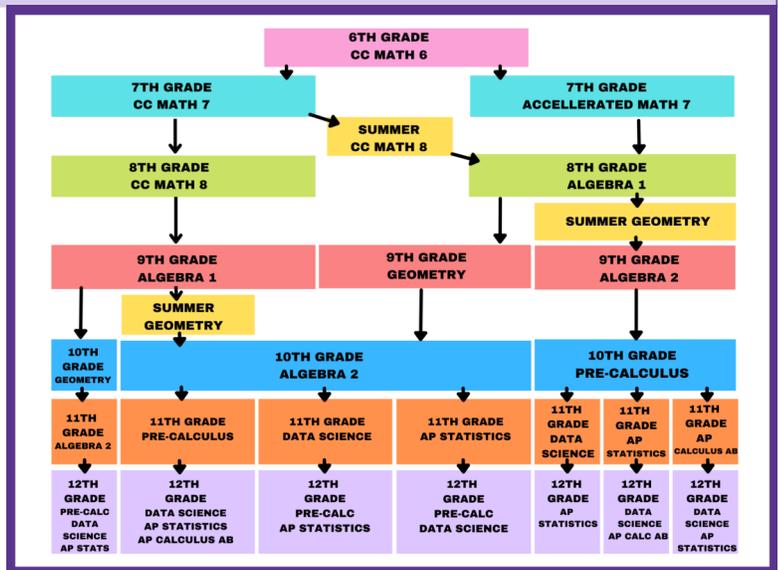Virtual Branding & Design
Weight Lifting
Yearbook

GALA MATH FLOW CHART

Students can "accelerate" in math beginning in 7th grade. Acceleration is based on the student's willingness to do the academic rigor and teacher recommendation

The math chart illustrates the possible math trajectories at GALA.

Course Handbook: www.galacademy.org/academics

Math Chart: www.galacademy.org/math

MATRICULATION TO COLLEGE - CLASS OF 2023

The first three graduating classes at GALA (2020, 2021, 2022) attended GALA 9th-12th grades. The first graduating class of students attending full span, 6th-12th grades is the Class of 2023. 69 students in the Class of 2023 were accepted to colleges in 36 states, Washington D.C., and 6 countries. In the list of college acceptances below, every school denoted in bold has a Class of 2023 graduate attending. A parenthesis denotes multiple students attending.

Aberystwyth University
Agnes Scott College
Alabama A & M University
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Amsterdam University
Arizona State University
Azusa Pacific University
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
Cal Lutheran
Cal Poly Humboldt
Cal Poly SLO
California Institute of Technology
Cal Poly-Pomona
Cal State Univ.-Bakersfield
Cal State University-Channel Isle
Cal State University-Chico
Cal State Univ.-Dominguez H. (2)
Cal State University-Fresno
Cal State University-Fullerton
Cal State University-Long Beach
Cal State University-Los Angeles
Cal State University-Monterey Bay
Cal State University-Northridge (5)
Cal State University-Sacramento
Cal State University-San Bernardino
Cal State University-Stanislaus
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Colorado Christian University
Columbia University - New York
Cornell University
Cornish College of the Arts
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Elizabeth City State University
Emerson College

Fordham University
George Mason University
Georgia State University
Gonzaga University
Grambling State University
Hampton University
Harris-Stowe State University
Harvey Mudd College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Howard University
Hult International Business School
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University-Bloomington
Jackson State University
Kalamazoo College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University (2)
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Manhattan College
Marymount Manhattan College
Miami University, Oxford
Middlebury College
Monash University
Montana State University
Mount Saint Mary's University (2)
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York Institute of Technology
North Carolina A & T State Univ
Northeastern University (1)
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Pace University, NYC
Pennsylvania State—Abington
Pepperdine University
Point Park University
Pratt Institute-Main
Purdue University-Main Campus
Reed College
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University (2)

San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of the Art Inst. of Chicago
Scripps College
Seattle University
Smith College
Sonoma State University
South Carolina State University
Southern University & A & M
Spelman College
St. Joseph's University - New York
Stony Brook University
SUNY at Purchase College
Syracuse University
Tennessee State University
Texas A & M Univ.-College Station
The George Washington University
The New School
The University of British Columbia
The University of Montana
Tulane University of Louisiana
Union College (NY)
University of Arizona
University of California-Berkeley (4)
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-LA (4)
University of California-Merced
University of California-Riverside (2)
University of California-San Diego
University of California-St Barbara
University of California-St. Cruz (6)
University of California, San Fran
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Dundee
University of Houston
University of Illinois-Urbana-Champ.
University of Illinois Chicago
University of La Verne
University of Maryland E Shore
University of Mass-Amherst
University of Mass-Boston
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
University of Nevada-Reno
University of New Mexico-Main
University of Oklahoma-Norman

University of Oregon (2)
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California (4)
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Virginia-Main Campus
University of Washington-Bothell
University of Washington
University of Washington-Tacoma
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech
Virginia Wesleyan University
Washington University - St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western Washington University
Wheaton College - Massachusetts
Whitman College
Whittier College
Whitworth University
Winston-Salem State University
Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University of Louisiana

GALA CLASSES OF 2020, 2021, AND 2022 WERE ALSO ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:
Boston College
Dartmouth College
Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.
Georgetown
New School for Architecture
New York University
SoCal Institute of Architecture
Tufts University
Vassar College
Wellesley College
Wiley College