

GIRLS ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: DR. MICHELLE KING SCHOOL FOR STEM
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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, 5 years
- MATE Underwater Roving Competition City (1st & 3rd)
- MS Robotics, Lego Team City
- HS Robotics, First Tech Challenge Regional Award
- MS Pentathlon
- Mock Trial State Competitors
- National Merit Scholars
- Questbridge & Posse Scholars
- NCWIT Student/Teacher Awards
- SAMPE STEM Teacher Award
- CIF City Champs: Volleyball and Soccer
- CIF Sports Scholar Athletes

MEMBERSHIPS

- International Coalition of Girls' Schools
- Student Leadership Network

FACULTY

- 40 fully-credentialed faculty
- The majority of GALA teachers hold advanced degrees.

FACILITIES (2022-2023)

Architecture Studio
Cafeteria
College Center
Dance Studio
GALA Field
Library Lounge
Maker Space
Robotics Room
Swimming Pool
Tennis Courts
Track/Stadium
Theater

TUITION

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

2022-2023 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 is located mid-city and 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 leadership, wellness, excellence, and honor. We welcome all girls who are committed to a rigorous college-prep curriculum.

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-January 1.

6th Grade: 140 new students admitted

9th Grade: 10-15 new students admitted

7th Grade: 10-15 new students admitted

10th Grade: 5-10 new students admitted

8th Grade: 10-15 new students admitted

11th Grade: 5-10 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>

2022-2023 ENROLLMENT

Total (6th-12th): 762
Middle School: 418
High School: 344

2021-2022 ETHNICITY

34% Caucasian
26% Latinx
14% African American
12% 2 or more ethnicities
10% Asian
3% Filipino, Pacific Islander
1% Amer. Indian/Alaskan

DEMOGRAPHICS

Families are coming from 81 Zip Codes
New students coming from 120 different schools
GALA is a Title 1 school.

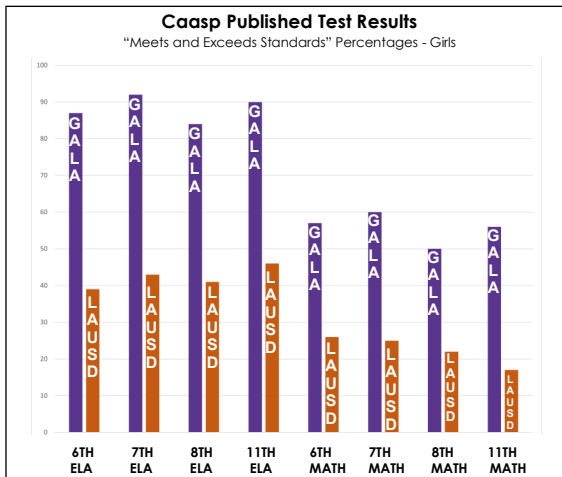
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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 Studies	3	Social Studies	3
B	English	4	English	4
C	Mathematics	3	Mathematics	4
D	Science	2 (1 physical 1 biological)	Science	4
E	Language	2	Language	2
F	Fine Art	1	Fine Art	1
G	College Elective	1	College Elective	1
	LAUSD EXTRA REQ. Physical Education Health (1 semester) Computer Science Advisory	2 1 0 0	GALA EXTRA REQ. Physical Education Health (1 semester) Computer Science Advisory	2 1 2 4

GALA TESTING INFORMATION

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

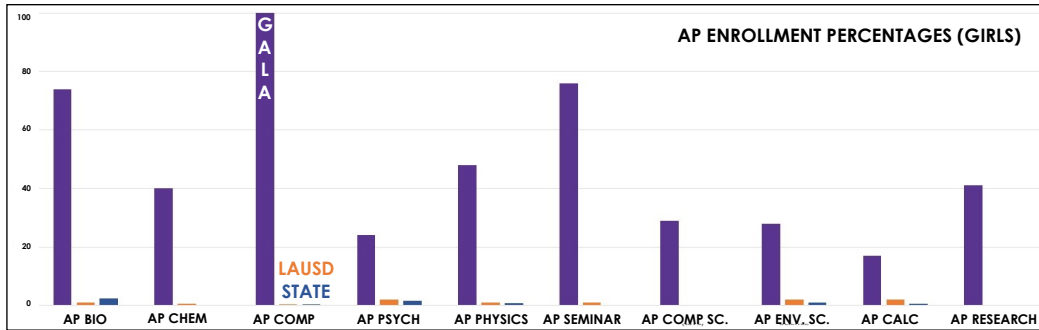


CAASP TEST SCORES - 2022

GR	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS Meets and Exceeds Standards Results
6th	GALA: 87% LAUSD: 39% STATE: Release TBA
7th	GALA: 92% LAUSD: 43% STATE: Release TBA
8th	GALA: 84% LAUSD: 41% STATE: Release TBA
11th	GALA: 90% LAUSD: 46% STATE: Release TBA
GR	MATHEMATICS Meets and Exceeds Standards Results
6th	GALA: 57% LAUSD: 26% STATE: Release TBA
7th	GALA: 60% LAUSD: 25% STATE: Release TBA
8th	GALA: 50% LAUSD: 22% STATE: Release TBA
11th	GALA: 56% LAUSD: 17% STATE: Release TBA

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.



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.

CLASS OF 2022: GALA has had 3 graduating classes (2020-2022) of students attending 9th-12th. The first full-span graduating class of students attending 6th-12th grades will be the Class of 2023.

GALA CLASS OF 2022

100% GRADUATION

Over 3 Million Dollars in Scholarships and Financial Aid.

100% AP STUDENTS

4.575 GPA VALEDICTORIAN
3.885 GPA AVERAGE CLASS OF 2022

100% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

University and College Acceptance to 26 states, Washington D.C., and Canada.

46% Girls Entering STEM in College

Attending universities such as: Northwestern, University of Pennsylvania, Duke, Mount Holyoke, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Merced, UC San Diego, University of Wisconsin, Mt. Saint Mary's, Cal Poly SLO.

GRADING & COURSES

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

MASTERY GRADING

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 -assignment in each classroom.

2022-2023 AP CLASSES

AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science A (Java)
AP English Language & Composition
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics
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
Cheer
Cross Country
Lacrosse
Soccer
Tennis
Swimming
Track (new)
Volleyball

ARTS

Architecture . Art History . Dance . Graphic Arts . Music . Chorus . Broadcast

2022-2023 ELECTIVES

Aerospace
African Amer. Studies
Architecture Design
Art History
Bio-Medical
Broadcast
Choir
Dance
Engineering
Environmental Sc.
Ethnic Studies
Game Design
Graphic Arts
Graphic Design 1&2
Journalism
Leadership
Math Lab
Mock Trial
Music
Music Production
Poetry Slam
Robotics
Speech & Debate
Sports Management
Yearbook

6TH GR. 10WK ELECTIVE WHEEL:

2022-2023 - Computer Science, Global Cultures, Horticulture, Wellness

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- A capella Choir
- ASB Leadership
- Beyond the Bell MS Sports
- 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
- Heritage Music Festival at Disneyland
- Mock Trial
- Pep Rallies
- 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: Computer Science, Global Cultures, Horticulture, Wellness
ELECTIVE: Aerospace, Architecture, Art History, Dance, Environmental Studies, 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
ARCHITECTURE, COMPUTER SCIENCE, OR MUSIC
ELECTIVE: Aerospace, Architecture, Art History, Broadcast, Dance, Environmental Studies, Ethnic Studies, Game Design, Graphic Arts, Journalism, Leadership, Math Lab, Robotics, Yearbook

8TH GRADE COURSE MAP

ENGLISH: CC English 8
HISTORY: US History
MATH: CC Math 8 or Algebra 1 (prerequisite accelerated math)
SCIENCE: Integrated Science 8
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
ARCHITECTURE, COMPUTER SCIENCE, MUSIC, OR SPANISH
ELECTIVE: Aerospace, Architecture, Art History, Broadcast, Dance, Env. Studies, Ethnic Studies, Game Design, Graphic Arts, Journalism, Leadership, Math Lab, Robotics, Yearbook

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES (2022-2023)

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

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

FINE ART (F)

Architecture
 Dance
 Graphic Design
 Music

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Exploring Computer Principles
AP Computer Principles
AP Computer Science A (Java)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Advance PE 1
 Advance PE 2
 CIF Sports:
 Basketball
 Cheer
 Cross Country
 Lacrosse
 Soccer
 Swimming
 Tennis
 Track (new)
 Volleyball

AP ELECTIVES

AP Research
AP Seminar
AP Psychology

GALA SUMMER SCHOOL

Health
 Physical Education

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES

African American Studies
 Architecture Design
 Architecture Engineering
 Bio-Medical
 Broadcast
 Chorus
 Dance
 Engineering
 Graphic Design 1
 Journalism
 Leadership
 Math Lab
 Mock Trial
 Music Technology
 Robotics
 Speech
 Sports Management
 Virtual Branding & Design
 Yearbook

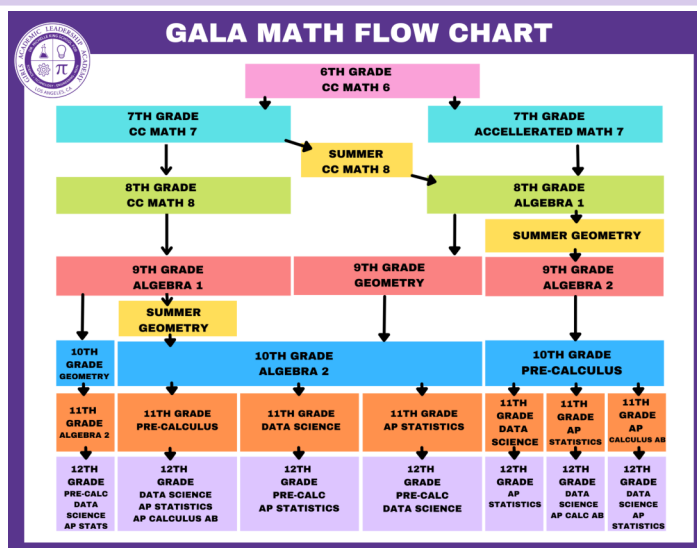
GALA MATH FLOW CHART

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



The first 3 graduating classes at GALA (2020, 2021, and 2022) attended GALA 9th-12th grades. The first graduating class of students attending full span, 6th-12th grades, will be the Class of 2023. GALA is 100% graduation (2020-43 students, 2021-45 students, 2022-37 students) and they were admitted to the following schools:

Abilene Christian	Illinois Institute of Technology	Southern CA Institute of Architecture
Agnes Scott College	Jackson State University	Southern University
Allegheny College	Johnson & Wales	Spellman College
American University	Kalamazoo College	St. Olaf College
Arizona State University (Engineering)	Lake Forest College	Syracuse University
Azusa Pacific University	Lehigh University	Tennessee State University
Barnard College	Lewis & Clark College	Texas Southern University
Bennet College	Loyola Marymount University	The New School
Boston College	Loyola University Chicago	Trinity Washington University
Bowie State University	Marist College	Tufts University
California Lutheran University	Marymount California University	University of Arizona
Cal Poly Pomona	Maryville University	University of Arkansas Fine Art
Cal Poly San Louis Obispo	Masters University	University of California: Berkeley
California State University: Bakersfield	McGill University	University of California: Davis
California State University: Channel Islands	Michigan State University	University of California: Irvine
California State University: Dominguez Hills	Middlebury College	University of California: Los Angeles
California State University: Fullerton	Minneapolis College of Art & Design	University of California: Merced
California State University: Long Beach	Mills College	University of California: Riverside
California State University: Los Angeles	Mount Holyoke College	University of California: San Diego
California State University: Monterey Bay	Mount Saint Mary's University	University of California: Santa Barbara
California State University: Northridge	New England College	University of California: Santa Cruz
California State University: San Bernardino	New School of Architecture	University of Central Missouri
California State University: Sonoma	New York University	University of Colorado, Denver
Catholic University	North Park University	University of Georgia
Chapman University	Northeastern University	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Charles Drew University	Northwestern University	University of La Verne
Chico State University	Northern Arizona University	University of Louisville
Clafflin University	Oregon State University	University of New Haven
Colorado College	Otis College of Art & Design	University of North Dakota
Colorado State University	Pace University, New York	University of Oregon
Columbia College	Pasadena City College	University of Pennsylvania
Connecticut College	Penn State University	University of Portland
Cornell University	Pepperdine University	University of Richmond
Dartmouth College	Portland State University	University of Rochester
DePaul University	Prairie View A&M University	University of San Francisco
Drexel University	Pratt Institute	University of Southern California
Duke University	Reed College	University of Washington, Seattle
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Wisconsin
Fordham University	Ringling College of Art & Design	Vanguard University
Fresno State University	Sacramento State University	Vassar College
George Mason University	San Diego State University	Wellesley College
George Washington University	San Francisco State University	West Virginia University
Georgetown University	San Jose State University	Western Michigan University
Gettysburg College	Santa Clara University Sch of Engineering	Western New England University
Grace College	Sarah Lawrence College	Wheaton College
Guildford College	Savannah College of Art & Design	Wiley College
Hampton University	Scripps College	Willamette University
Hawaii Pacific University	Seattle University	Woodbury University
Hobart and Williams Smith Colleges	Seton Hall University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Humboldt State University	Skidmore College	Xavier University of Louisiana
Husson University	South Carolina State University	

