**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](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 LAUSD school.

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**LAUSD EXTRA REQ.**
- **Physical Education:** 1 year
- **Emergency Health:** 1 year
- **Computer Science:** 2 years
- **Advisory:** 2-4 years

**GALA EXTRA REQ.**
- **Physical Education:** 1 year
- **Emergency Health:** 1 year
- **Computer Science:** 2 years
- **Advisory:** 2-4 years
**CALIFORNIA STANDARDIZED TESTS** - (All standards higher-some double-that of LAUSD & CA averages.)

**GALA TESTING INFORMATION**

**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.

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**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
- Soccer
- Cheer
- Tennis
- Cross Country
- Swimming
- Lacrosse
- 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

**ADMISSIONS**: admissions@galacademy.org

**COLLEGE COUNSELING**: tiffany.hervey@lausd.net
### 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**
- **ARCHEITECTURE, 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

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### 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](http://www.galacademy.org/academics)

**Math Chart:** [www.galacademy.org/math](http://www.galacademy.org/math)
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 University
Agnes Scott College
Allegheny College
American University
Arizona State University (Engineering)
Azusa Pacific University
Barnard College
Benet College
Boston College
Bowie State University
California Lutheran University
Cal Poly Pomona
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
California State University: Bakersfield
California State University: Channel Islands
California State University: Dominguez Hills
California State University: Fullerton
California State University: Long Beach
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California State University: Northridge
California State University: San Bernardino
California State University: Sonoma
Catholic University
Chapman University
Charles Drew University
Chico State University
Claremont University
Colorado College
Colorado State University
Columbia College
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke University
Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University
Fordham University
Fresno State University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Grace College
Guldaford College
Hampton University
Hawaii Pacific University
Hobart and Williams Smith Colleges
Humboldt State University
Husson University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Jackson State University
Johnson & Wales
Kalamazoo College
Lake Forest College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Marist College
Marymount California University
Maryville University
Masters University
McGill University
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Minneapolis College of Art & Design
Mills College
Mount Holyoke College
Mount Saint Mary’s University
New England College
New School of Architecture
New York University
North Park University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Northern Arizona University
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art & Design
Pace University, New York
Pasadena City College
Penn State University
Pepperdine University
Portland State University
Prairie View A&M University
Pratt Institute
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ringling College of Art & Design
Sacramento State University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University Sch of Engineering
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art & Design
Scripps College
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Skidmore College
South Carolina State University
Southern California Institute of Architecture
Southern University
Spellman College
St. Olaf College
Syracuse University
Tennessee State University
Texas Southern University
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Tufts University
University of Arizona
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University of California: Irvine
University of California: Los Angeles
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University of Colorado, Denver
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii, Manoa
University of La Verne
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