



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, 6 years
- MATE Underwater Roving Competition City (1st & 3rd)
- MS Robotics, Lego Team City
- HS Robotics, First Tech Challenge Regional Award
- MS Pentathlon
- 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.

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.

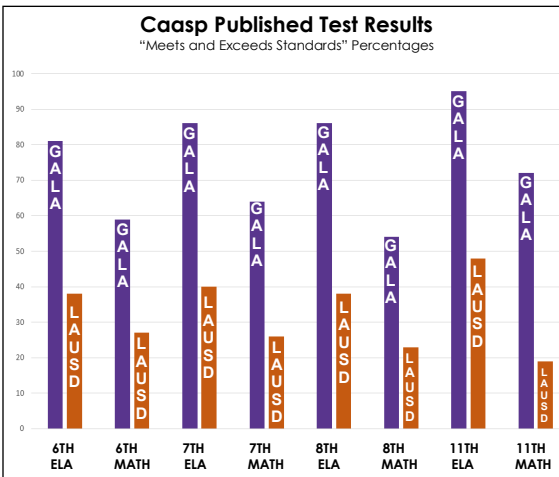
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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 |
| | LAUSD EXTRA REQ. Physical Education Health (1 semester) Ethnic Studies (1 semester) Computer Science Advisory | 2 1 1 0 0 | GALA EXTRA REQ. Physical Education Health (1 semester) Ethnic Studies (1 semester) Computer Science Advisory | 2 1 1 2 4 |

GALA TESTING INFORMATION

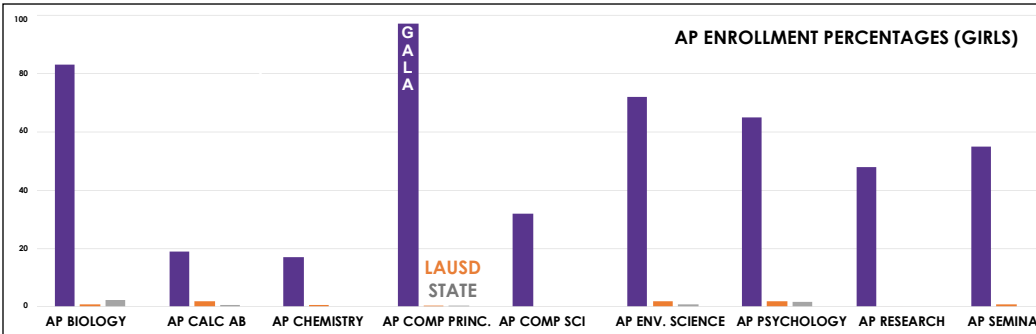
CALIFORNIA STANDARDIZED TESTS - (All standards higher-some double-that of LAUSD & CA averages.)



| CAASP TEST SCORES - 2023 | | |
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| 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.



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.

GRADING & COURSES

GRADE AND GPA SCALE

GALA uses a 4-point scale to calculate grade point averages. LAUSD augments weighted GPA by adding .025 for each AP/Honors course per semester.
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
Cheer
Cross Country
Flag Football
Lacrosse
Soccer
Tennis
Swim
Track
Volleyball

ARTS

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

2023-2024 ELECTIVES

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

6TH GR. 10WK ELECTIVE WHEEL:

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

A capella Choir
Arts Festival
ASB Leadership and Ambassadors
Beyond the Bell (Middle School)
CIF High School Sports (10)
Clubs (60 - student-led)
College Prep
Concerts for Music and Dance
Dances: 8th Gr, HS HoCo, Prom
Events: Earth Day, Pi Day, etc.
Field Trips
Goddess Games
Mock Trial Competition Team
Robotics Competitions (MS & HS)
Talent Show
Young Women's Career Conference



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**

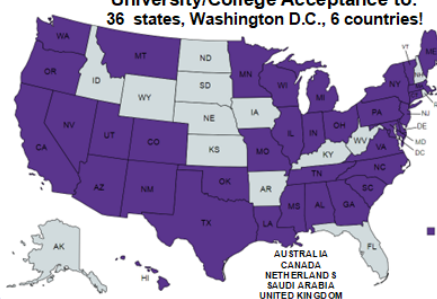


**97%
COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE**
67 Attending College
2 Gap Year
40% First Generation



**50% Girls Entering
STEM in College**

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



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

NOTE: LACCD LOTE courses are typically equivalent to 2 years of high school courses.

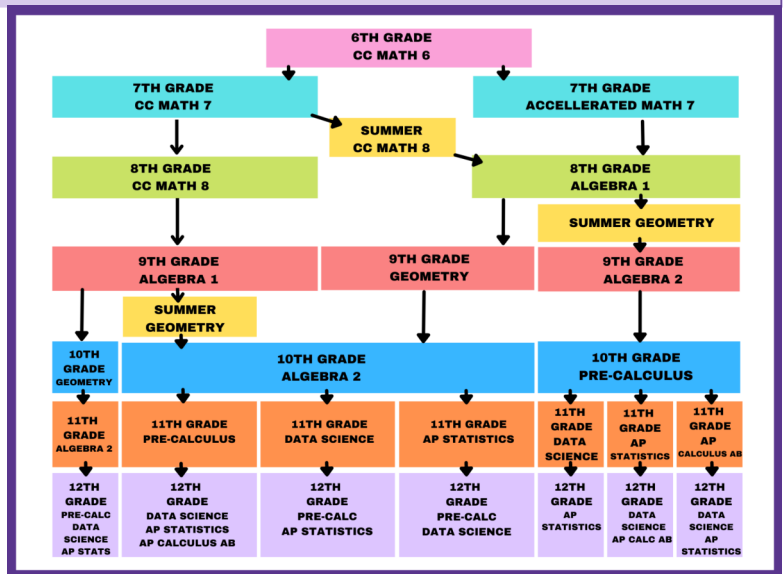
GALA MATH FLOW CHART

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

AS OF DECEMBER 2023, ADDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE FOR THE CLASS OF 2024 TO:
 Yale University

