



# The Meadows School Profile 2011-2012

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## THE SCHOOL

The Meadows School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school serving grades PK-12. Upper School (grades 9 through 12) enrolls 274 students, Middle School (grades 6, 7, and 8) enrolls 180 students, Lower School (grades K through 5) enrolls 360 students, and PK enrolls approximately 90 students. Founded in 1984, The Meadows School is accredited by the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools and the Northwest Accreditation Commission.

The Meadows School is dedicated to providing optimum intellectual, emotional, social, and physical challenge and development. The School helps students develop positive values and nurtures character development in a supportive environment that upholds the highest moral and ethical standards. The program encourages students to reach their fullest potential and to develop the skills necessary to respond intelligently and humanely to the complexities of a diverse world.

## FINANCIAL AID

The Meadows School seeks to attract able and ambitious students of varied socio-economic backgrounds. This year \$1,300,000 in aid was awarded to 15% of the student body.

## FACULTY

There are 87 professional faculty members. Two hold doctoral degrees and 62 hold master's degrees. The faculty-to-student ratio K through 12 is 1:11.

## GRADING AND CLASS RANK

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated using all courses with the exception of Physical Education (PE) and other courses taken on a pass/fail basis. In Upper School the GPA is cumulative from the fall semester of freshman year. Plus and minus grades are reflected (e.g. B+ = 3.3, B- = 2.7). Upper School students receive an extra .02 of credit for each Honors course per semester and an extra .03 of credit for each Advanced Placement (AP) course per semester. **Students are not ranked.**

## AP PROGRAM

Students enrolling in AP courses are expected to sit for the examination. In May 2011, 134 students wrote 269 examinations; 72% of the scores were 4's and 5's; and 90% were 3's or better.

## PROGRAM OF STUDIES

### ENGLISH (4 years required)

Grade 9 H Intro. to Lit. & Comp.  
Grade 10 H American Lit. & Comp.  
Grade 11 H English Lit. or AP English Lit. & Comp.  
Grade 12 AP English Lang. & Comp. or may choose from several H seminar electives, Journalism, Yearbook

### MATHEMATICS (4 years required)

Geometry/H Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, H Algebra II - Trigonometry, H PreCalculus AB, H Precalculus BC, H Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, H Statistics, AP Statistics, H Multivariable Calculus

### SOCIAL SCIENCES (4 years required)

Grade 9 H Ancient World History  
Grade 10 H or AP United States History  
Grade 11 H or AP European History  
Grade 12 H or AP U.S. Government or may choose from several electives

Electives: AP History of Art, AP Macro/ Microeconomics, AP Psychology, AP World History, H History of Science, H International Relations/Issues, H Comparative Religion & Philosophy, H Intro to Economics, H Terrorism & Policy Formulation

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE (3 years required)

H Spanish I-III, Spanish III-V, AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature, H French I-III, AP French IV, AP French Language, H Cultural & Historical Perspectives through French Film, H Latin I-V, Latin IV/V AP Vergil

### SCIENCE (3 years required)

Grade 9 H Biology  
Grade 10 H Chemistry  
Grade 11 H Physics  
Grades 11 & 12 Students may choose from the following: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics B, AP Physics C, H Genetics, H Intro to Engineering, H Human Anatomy & Physiology, H Organic Chemistry

### FINE ARTS (1 year required)

MUSIC: Ensembles: Show Choir, Strings, Percussion, Symphonic Band, H Intro to Music Theory, AP Music Theory  
PERFORMING ARTS: A variety of Acting, Production, Technical, Musical Theatre, & Dance classes  
VISUAL ARTS: H Architecture, Architecture Studio, Film Studies, Studio Art I-V, AP Studio Art, Photography I-IV, Advanced Photography

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**: AP Computer Science A, Computer Programming/Robotics

**FORENSICS**: H Forensics I: Intro. Speech & Debate; H Forensics II-IV: Advanced - Policy, Lincoln-Douglas; H Forensics II-IV: Advanced Individual Events

### HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

**(1 semester of Health and 2 years of Physical Education or 4 seasons of sports required)**

**Independent study courses are graded on a pass/fail basis.**

**Twenty-three credits are required to graduate.**

## Class of 2012

### JUNIOR YEAR CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION

GPA (Weighted)		
4.5>	17	24%
4.00-4.49	26	37%
3.75-3.99	12	17%
3.50-3.74	10	14%
3.25-3.49	3	4%
3.00-3.24	1	1%
2.75-2.99	2	3%
Mean 4.12		

GPA (Unweighted)		
3.75-3.99	15	21%
3.50-3.74	18	25%
3.25-3.49	12	17%
3.00-3.24	17	24%
2.75-2.99	4	6%
2.50-2.74	5	7%
Mean 3.42		

## Class of 2011

### FINAL TESTING PROFILE

SAT REASONING			N=44
	CR	M	WR
Mean	662	670	690
Median	680	660	680
Middle 50%	600-730	620-710	620-740

ACT						N=38
	E	M	R	S	COMP.	WR
Mean	30	30	30	28	29	28
Median	30	30	30	27	29	28
Middle 50%	26-33	28-33	27-34	25-30	27-32	25-31

### NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Thirty-four percent of the Class of 2011, 19 percent of the Class of 2010, and 23 percent of the Class of 2009 were recognized in the National Merit, National Achievement, or National Hispanic Program. In 2011, both Nevada Presidential Scholars were from The Meadows School. Fifty-nine percent of the Class of 2010 and 79 percent of the Class of 2009 were recognized in the AP Scholar Awards Programs.

### COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Over the past three years (2009, 2010, 2011) 165 graduates initially enrolled at the following colleges and universities:

American University (4) Arizona State University Baylor University Boise State University Boston College (2) Boston University (2) Brigham Young University-Hawaii Brown University Bucknell University Butler University California Institute of Technology California Poly State University Chapman University (13) Cornell University (2) Dartmouth College DePaul University Dickinson College Duke University Elon University Emory University (4) George Washington University, The (7) Georgetown University Georgia Institute of Technology Harvard University (2) High Point University Hollins University Ithaca College Johns Hopkins University, The	Lewis & Clark College Loyola Marymount University (5) Marymount College Massachusetts Institute of Technology New York University (2) Northern Arizona University Northwestern University Occidental College Pomona College Princeton University (2) Purdue University Reed College Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Santa Clara University Santa Monica College Savannah College of Art & Design-Atlanta School of the Art Institute of Chicago Scripps College Sewanee: The University of the South Southern Methodist University Stanford University (2) Sweet Briar College Texas Christian University (3) Trinity University United States Air Force Academy University of Arizona, The (3) University of California, Berkeley University of California, Davis	University of California, Irvine (2) University of California, Los Angeles (3) University of California, San Diego (2) University of California, Santa Barbara (3) University of Chicago (2) University of Cincinnati University of Colorado at Boulder University of Denver University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign University of Kansas University of Miami (2) University of Minnesota, Twin Cities University of Nevada, Las Vegas (6) University of Nevada, Reno (5) University of Oregon (3) University of Pennsylvania University of Portland University of Redlands University of Rochester University of San Diego (8) University of San Francisco (4) University of Southern California (11) University of Tampa, The Vassar College (2) Villanova University Washington University in St. Louis (5)
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*100% of students gain admission to four-year institutions.*