

# Reno High School



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**School Characteristics      School Code: 290145      Profile of the Class of 2010**

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## COMMUNITY

Reno High is located in the southwest area of Reno. The county population, including the cities of Reno and Sparks is just over 500,000. The Reno campus of the University of Nevada is located here as is the Truckee Meadows Community College and various specialized business colleges. Reno High serves a wide and diverse student population spanning nearly all socio-economic levels.

## SCHOOL

Reno High School offers a comprehensive four-year curriculum serving 1,706 students in grades nine through twelve. Established in 1879 and in its present location since 1951, Reno High has maintained and encouraged a rich tradition of academic excellence. The school is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges; it also holds membership in The College Board. Reno High has earned High Achieving School status in Reading, Mathematics, Language Arts and Science from the Nevada State Board of Education in prior years and was selected as one of America's Best High Schools 2010 as featured in *Newsweek*.

## THE CURRICULUM

The school day consists of seven 50-minute classes. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders must attend for seven periods; 12<sup>th</sup> graders may attend for four periods if they are in line to reach their diploma goals. The school year is 180 days long and is divided into two 18-week semesters. The average class size is 27. Some of our courses are required of all students in that grade level and are numbered sequentially. Non-sequential courses are also numbered by semester (e.g. Chemistry 1, American Government 2).

A minimum of 22.5 credits is required, by the Nevada Department of Education, for graduation. .5 credit = 1 semester, 1 credit = 1 year. 2009-2010 graduation includes the following credit requirements: English (4); mathematics (3); science (2); World History (1); US History (1); American Government (1); humanities/industrial arts (1); physical education or HSROTC (2); health or HSROTC (.5); Computers (.5); electives (6.5). The Washoe County School District, however, has chosen the Gateway Curriculum as their default curriculum and this means that all students are automatically enrolled in 4 years of math, 3 years of science and 6 courses as a senior, unless they choose to opt out. (HSROTC may be taken in lieu of **physical education** and health (5 semesters in all). One physical education requirement may be waived for participation in certain extracurricular activities. **Elective credit** may be earned in any of the previously mentioned areas as well as foreign languages, the humanities, home economics, or business. Washoe County School District requires that, for an **Honors Diploma**, students earn at least a cumulative 3.40 GPA, earn at least a total of 24 credits, at least 8 of which must be in honors or AP classes, and take at least one more year of science and two more years in a foreign language than are required for a regular diploma.

**Advanced Placement** courses are offered in English 5-6, English 7-8, biology, chemistry, physics, Calculus AB, Statistics, American Government, US History, European History, French, Spanish and Studio Art. In 2009-2010 Reno High students sat for 715 exams. Of the exams taken, 72% received scores of 3, 4 or 5. (Board Policy mandates that all students enrolled in AP classes take the AP examination).

**Honors courses**, designated with an “H,” are offered in the subject areas of English 1-2, English 3-4, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Human Biology, Earth Science, Formal Geometry, Algebra 3-4, Algebra 5-6, Probability and Statistics, Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus, Am Govt/People, Spanish 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and French 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10. In 2008-2009 there were 2,242 enrollments in honors and AP classes.

Reno High students may earn **dual credit** (.5 elective credit for 3 units of college credit) by taking courses through the University of Nevada, Reno and/or Truckee Meadows Community College. These courses earn high school honors credit if they carry a college number of 200 or above.

### GRADING AND RANKING

Reno High School assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system and has adopted the following grading scale: A=97-100%; A-=94-96%; B=90-93%; B-=86-89%; C=81-85%; C-=77-80%; D=73-76%; D-=70-72%; F=below 70%. Teachers who use an alternate grading scale must post that scale in the classroom, must announce the scale in the first week of a semester and must include the scale in their course syllabus. All credited classes are included in computing grade point average and class rank. Grades are recorded on the transcript, and class rank and grade point average are computed in January and June using a non-weighted final grade in all subjects. (A mark of “I” represents an incomplete, indicating that the pupil did not complete the course work in that class; students have up to the end of the third week of the subsequent semester to complete this work for credit. A mark of “NM” represents no mark for that course; this is used for classes which the pupil may take for no credit such as Study Hall or audited classes.)

### TEST SCORES

47.7% of the class of 2010 took the ACT.

66% of the class of 2010 took the SAT

Composite: 24.5

Mean Reading Score: 545

Mean Math Score: 552

Mean Writing Score: 526

### COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

360 students graduated in the Class of 2010

93% of those students self-reported their plans to continue their education after high school.

The following list indicates those institutions attended by the Class of 2010:

Arizona State University  
Brigham Young University  
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Central Washington Univ.  
Colorado State  
Cuesta College  
Durham University  
Hendrix College  
Lewis and Clark College  
Loyola Marymount  
Loyola University-Chicago  
Northwest Prep School  
Pacific University  
Pepperdine  
Principia College  
Rice University  
Santa Clara University  
St. Mary's  
Syracuse

UC Berkley  
UC Davis  
UC San Diego  
University of Evansville  
University of Michigan  
University of Nevada, Reno  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
University of Oregon  
University of San Diego  
University of Washington  
Utah State  
Virginia Tech  
Washington State  
Willamette University